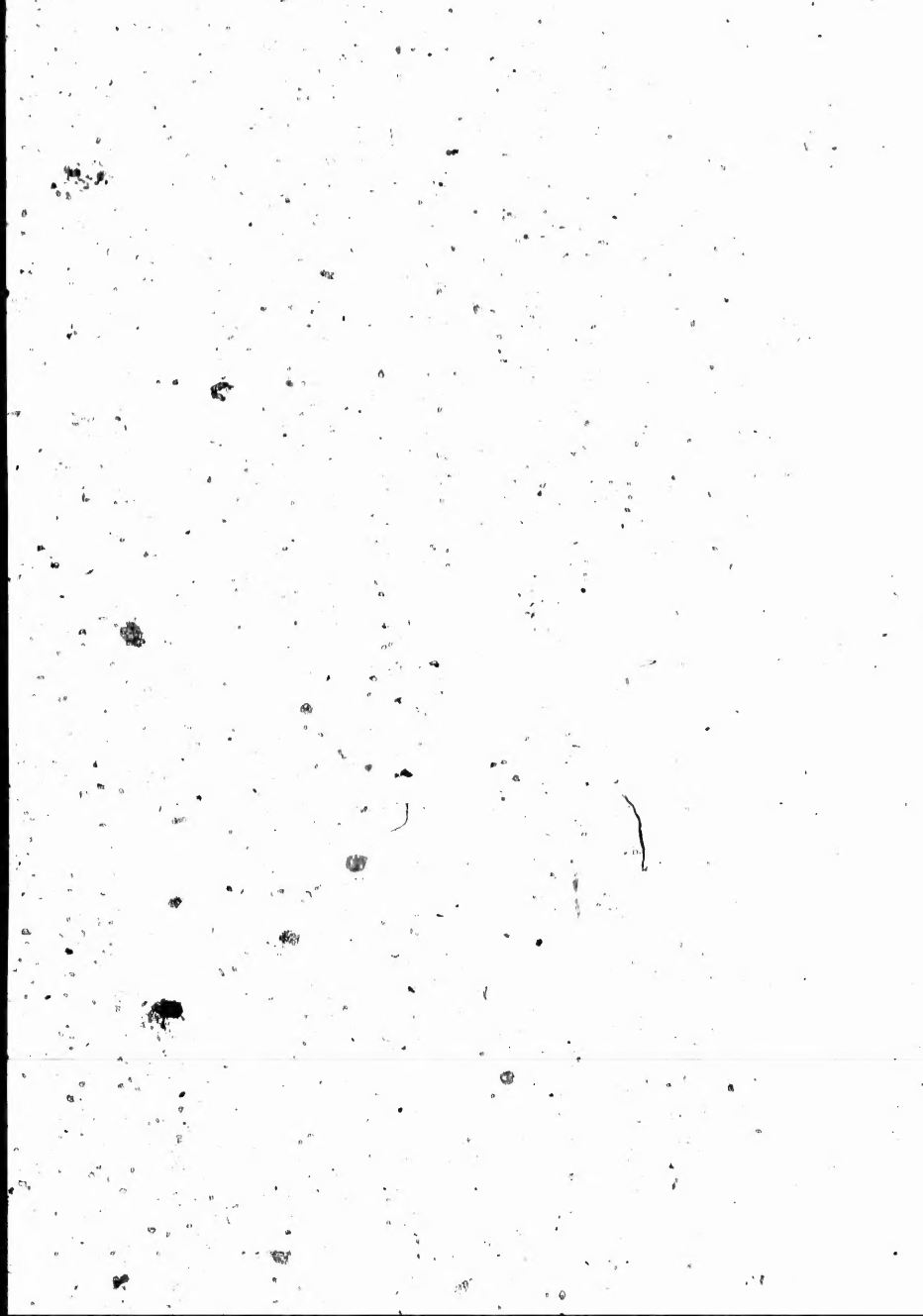




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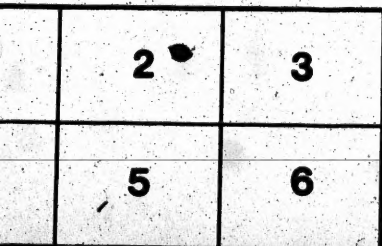
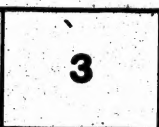
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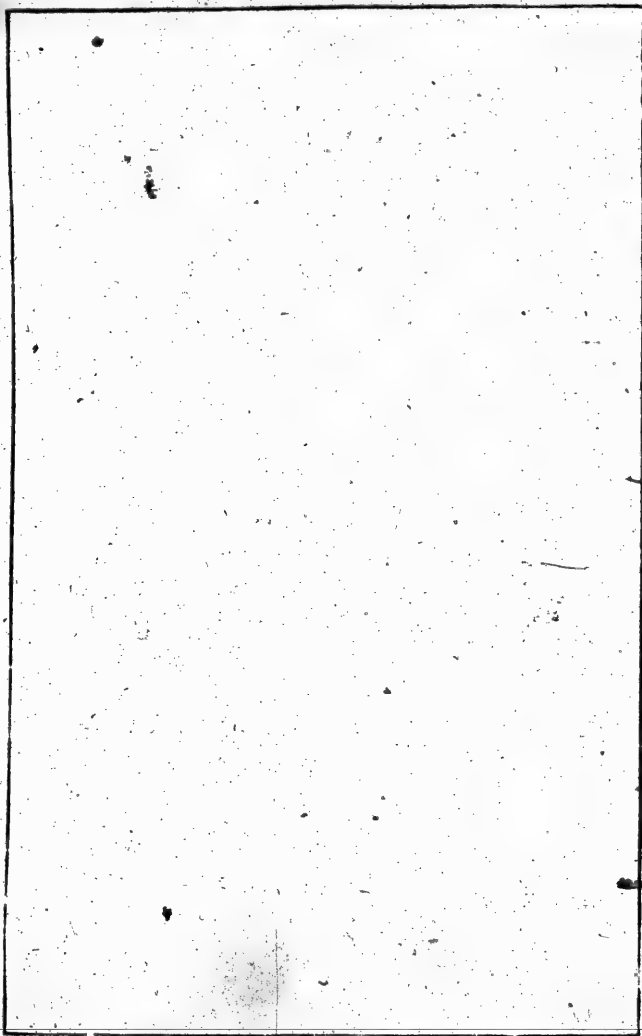
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PREFACE.

THE great Shepherd has made ample provision for his sheep, and the pastures are always fresh and green ; but too many neglect the provision made for them, and are therefore weak in faith, feeble in effort, and uncomfortable in their lives. This little Work is intended to attract the flock to the pastures provided ; it presents a portion of spiritual food for daily use. Here is an inspired text, a verse of poetry, and a brief sentence—each calculated to inform the mind, cheer the soul, and regulate the life. In busy times like the present, brevity is important ; and in such a season of temptation, spirituality is necessary. Reader, turn every portion into prayer, then meditate upon it, and endeavour to reduce the whole to practice. This is the way to enjoy peace, obtain blessings, and do good. May the Holy Spirit, who alone can render any work effectual, bless this little Volume to thousands, and exalt the Saviour through its feeble instrumentality.

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My wedding day Jan. 1847

January 1.—MORNING.

My grace is sufficient for thee; for my
strength is made perfect in weakness.—
2 Cor. xii. 9.

I am your sure Almighty friend,
Who loving, loves you to the end;
I'm ever near you, and will shew
My grace sufficient is for you.

The grace that is in Jesus is for us; and
the weaker we feel the more earnestly we
should seek and expect it.

January 1.—EVENING.

LORD, let it alone this year also.—Luke
xiii. 8.

Lord, melt our hearts to mourn the past,
And let us henceforth faithful be;
And if this year should be our last,
O may our souls repose with thee.

The intercession of Jesus brings down in-
numerable blessings upon us; and it is
employed for us to-night; let us, therefore,
look up to an interceding Saviour, and ex-
pect blessings from his hands.

January 2.—MORNING.

CALL upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.—Ps. i. 15.

In the dark day, when troubles rise,
To me direct thy earnest cries;
I'll send deliverance from my throne,
And thou shalt make my glory known.

Troubles are sent to stir us up to prayer;
and, in answer to prayer, God sanctifies and removes them. L L L

January 2.—EVENING.

SEARCH me, O God, and know my heart;
try me, and know my thoughts.—Ps. cxxxix.
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Search, O Lord, and cleanse, and save us;
Heal us by thy power divine;
Burst the bonds that here enslave us,
That we may be wholly thine.

An honest heart will expose itself to God's all-searching eye, and desire to be examined as well as cleansed and comforted. L L L

M. H. Crofts wedding day 1877

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J. M. Crofts January 3.—MORNING. *Birthday*

TRUST in the Lord with all thine heart;
and lean not unto thine own understanding.
—Prov. iii. 5.

Trust him, he will supply your needs,
And listen to your prayers;
His word is true, he cannot change,
On him cast all your cares.

We can never trust the Lord too confidently, for his word is truth; nor is jealousy over our own hearts ever unseasonable, for they are false. *LLV*

January 3.—EVENING.

THE Lord of peace himself give you peace
always by all means.—2 Thess. iii. 16.

By thy passion on the tree,
Let my griefs and troubles cease;
O remember Calvary,
And give me holy peace.

Peace with God is an invaluable blessing;
it flows from the atonement, and is the
antidote of human misery. *LLV*

January 4.—MORNING.

LET us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.—Gal. vi. 9.

Then let us work, without complaint,
The work of God, and never faint;
Though now by weariness oppress,
The end is everlasting rest.

If our actions are directed to the Lord's glory, we shall be assisted by the Lord's strength, and be crowned with the Lord's blessing. ✓

January 4.—EVENING.

HAVING, therefore, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, let us draw near.—Heb. x. 19, 22.

Since by a new and living way
Access to God is given,
Poor sinners may with boldness pray,
And earth converse with heaven.

The sacrifice of Jesus removed every impediment out of our way in approaching to God, we have now liberty to come with boldness. ✓

January 5.—MORNING.

I THE Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.—Isa. xli. 13.

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismay'd;
I, I am thy God, and will still give thee aid!
I'll daily sustain thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

If we keep the Lord's way we shall be sure
of his company and support; he will both
cheer and help us. L L L

January 5.—EVENING.

REMEMBER me, O my God, for good.—
Neh. xiii. 31.

Yes, when these failing lips grow dumb,
And thought and memory flee;
When thou shalt in thy kingdom come,
Jesus, remember me.

Jesus ever remembers his people; they
may forget him, but he will never, no
never, forget them. L L L

January 6.—MORNING.

Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.—Ps. cxix.

Lord, look thou upon me, thy mercy I seek,
Accept me though vile, receive me though weak;
Forgive my transgressions, my nature renew,
That I with thy people thy glory may view.

If we look up to the Lord in prayer, he will look down upon us in mercy; yea, he has so looked upon us already, or we had never looked to him. L L L

January 6.—EVENING.

I WILL pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.—John xiv. 16.

Come, Holy Ghost, into my mind,
Fill me with heavenly light;
Kindle my heart with fervent zeal
To serve God day and night.

The Comforter comes in answer to the Saviour's prayers, and abides with us in honour of his perfect work. L L L

January 7.—MORNING.

FEAR not, Abram; I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.—Gen. xv. 1.

With sins, and fears, and fiends I'll fight,
My shield shall put them all to flight;
The conquest gained, I'll quit the field,
And triumph in my glorious shield.

God is our shield, and will come between us and all that would really harm us, therefore we should not fear. *L L L*

January 7.—EVENING.

It pleased God to reveal his Son in me.—Gal. i. 15, 16.

Father, in me thy Son reveal;
Teach me to know and do thy will;
Thy saving power and love display,
And guide me to the realms of day.

The gospel reveals Christ to us, but the Holy Spirit reveals Christ in us; both are necessary to our salvation and comfort. *L L L*

January 8.—MORNING.

THIS is the will of God, even your sanctification.—1 Thess. iv. 3.

Be Christ my pattern and my guide,
His image may I bear,
Oh, may I tread his sacred steps,
And his bright glories share.

If sanctification is our object, if all things are made subservient to this, then our will is as the will of God. ✓

January 8.—EVENING.

HE that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and manifest myself to him.—John xiv. 21.

Lord, send thy blessing from above,
And sweetly to my soul appear;
Behold me with a Father's love,
And fill my heart with filial fear.

The Father loves all who love the Son;
and Jesus unfolds to such his beauty and his love. ✓

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January 9.—MORNING.

WHAT is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?—Ps. viii. 4.

Lord, what is man? so greatly blest!
Thine eyes attentive o'er him rest;
Or what the sons of men, to prove
Th' eternal honours of thy love!

Man, as a sinner, is a criminal, and yet God pities him; he is a rebel, and yet God pardons him; he is a worm, and yet God communes with him.

January 9.—EVENING.

THE steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.—Ps. xxxvii. 23.

While passing through the wilderness,
Full of temptations and distress,
What comfort does the thought afford,
Our steps are ordered by the Lord.

The Lord never allows his children to wander without a guide, or roam just where inclination prompts; but he watches over and leads them in the way which they should go.

January 10.—MORNING.

THOUGH he slay me, yet will I trust in him.—Job xiii. 15.

Why should I dread Jehovah's hand,
Though it might crush to dust?
'Tis love that gives his arm command,
And in that love I trust.

If we know that the sword is in our Father's hand, and are persuaded of his love, we may trust and not be afraid.

January 10.—EVENING.

WHO are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.—1 Pet. i. 5.

All who possess true faith and love,
This daily, by experience prove,
That they who simply put their trust
In Jesus Christ, can ne'er be lost.

Our inheritance is reserved for us in heaven, therefore that is safe; we are kept by the power of God on earth, therefore we are safe.

John Pratt, Beddingdale 1866

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January 11.—MORNING.

OTHER foundation can no man lay than
that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.—1 Cor.
iii. 11.

When all foundations else will fail,
Those built on this will then prevail;
And lift their heads with joyful praise,
To him who this foundation lays.

The only foundation of a sinner's hope is
Jesus; on him we must rest the entire
weight of our eternal concerns.

January 11.—EVENING.

THERE will I meet with thee, and I will
commune with thee from above the mercy
seat.—Exod. xxv. 22.

From every stormy wind that blows,
From every swelling tide of woes,
There is a calm, a sure retreat;
The Saviour, on his mercy-seat.

Mercy is enthroned on the blood of atone-
ment, and now sympathises with sinners
under all their sorrows.

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January 12.—MORNING.

FEAR ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show to you to-day.—Exod. xiv. 13.

Give power and will, and then command,
And we will follow thee;
And when we're frightened, bid us stand,
And thy salvation see.

When the way appears to be impassable,
then stand still, fix the eye on God as your
leader, and you will find that salvation is
just at hand.

January 12.—EVENING.

BLESSED are ye that hunger now for ye
shall be filled.—Luke vi. 21.

From him the poor are never driven,
He lifts the prostrate from the dust;
By him the rebel is forgiven,
And in his name is taught to trust.

If we hunger for spiritual blessings, it
proves that we have spiritual life and Jesus
will satisfy us: for he filleth the hungry
with good things.

January 13.—MORNING.

THE Lord liveth; and blessed be my rock;
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.
—Ps. xviii. 46.

He lives, and blessed be my Rock!
The God of my salvation lives:
The dark designs of hell are broke;
Sweet is the peace my Father gives.

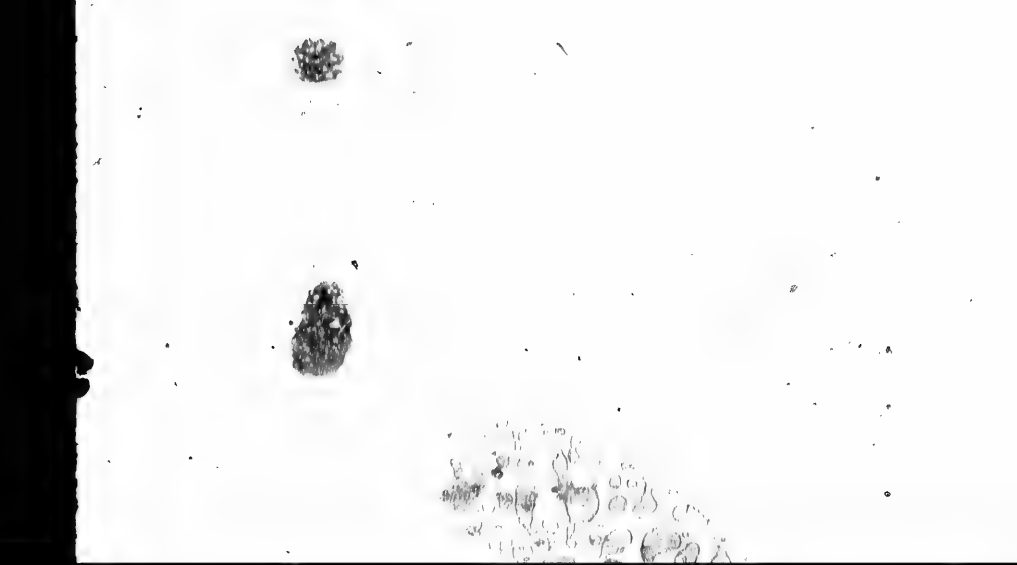
If the living God is our support, we shall
never fail; if the God of salvation is our
friend, we ought to exalt him.

January 13.—EVENING.

UNTO you therefore which believe he is
precious.—1 Pet. ii. 7.

The name of Jesus precious is,
A rock, a sure defence, a tow'r,—
No name a virtue has like his,
'Tis life and health, 'tis grace and power.

True faith always leads us to prize the Sa-
viour, and the stronger our faith, the more
precious he becomes.



My Sister Annies birthday 1822.

January 14.—MORNING.

THE Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.—2 Thess. iii. 5.

I thirst to drink unmingled love
From the pure fountain-head above;
My dearest Lord, I long to be
Emptied of sin and full of thee.

If the heart is directed into God's love, it will be influenced by it: and this will make us both holy and happy.

January 14.—EVENING.

IT is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.—Jer. x. 23.

The Lord, our leader, goes before,
Sufficient he, and none beside;
And were the dangers many more,
We need not fear with such a guide.

If we would go right, we must daily cry to the Lord for wisdom; he alone can direct us into the right path: and in answer to prayer he will.

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January 15.—MORNING.

In every thing give thanks; for this is the
will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
—1 Thess. v. 18.

Lord, let a sense of sovereign grace
Our best affections move,
That while our lips thy praise proclaim,
Our hearts may feel thy love.

We have always so many mercies left us,
that we never can be consistent unless we
are grateful and thankful. L L

January 15.—EVENING.

In whom we have redemption through his
blood, even the forgiveness of sins.—Col.
i. 14.

Jesus the sacrifice became,
To rescue guilty souls from hell:
The spotless, bleeding, dying Lamb,
Beneath avenging justice fell.

The death of Jesus was a real sacrifice for
sin; it procured our pardon, and is the
price of our redemption. L L

January 16.—MORNING.

THIS is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.—1 Tim. 1. 15.

Transgressors of the deepest stain
In him salvation find;
His blood removes the foulest guilt,
His Spirit heals the mind.

He came to save exactly such persons as you are; look unto him and expect to be saved by him, and you shall not be disappointed.

January 16.—EVENING.

A MERCIFUL and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God.—Heb. ii. 17.

Cloth'd with our nature, still he knows
The weakness of our frame,
And how to shield us from the foes,
Which he himself o'ercame.

Jesus is ever touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and while rigidly faithful, is tenderly merciful.

January 17.—MORNING.

I HAVE set the Lord always before me: he
is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
—Ps. xvi. 8.

Before my eyes the Lord I'll place,
Ne'er shall my soul forget his grace—
Near my right hand, my guard confest,
My God, on whom unmov'd I rest.

Keep the eye on the Saviour's example,
and steadily rely on his aid.

January 17.—EVENING.

THE Lord thy God, he it is that doth go
with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake
thee.—Deut. xxxi. 6.

Jesus, when I have safely pass'd
Through every conflict but the last,
Still, still unchanging, watch beside
My painful bed, *for thou hast died!*

The Lord will not only be with us in life,
but in death; and then we shall be with
him for ever.

January 18.—MORNING.

My God shall supply all your need accord-
ing to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
—Phil. iv. 19.

What want shall not our God supply
From his redundant stores?
What streams of mercy from on high
An arm almighty pours.

The wealth of the universe is in Jesus, and
this is the fountain opened for our supply;
what can we desire more?

January 18.—EVENING.

It is God that worketh in you, both to will
and to do of his good pleasure.—Phil. ii. 13.

Assisted by his grace,
We still pursue our way;
And hope at last to reach the prize,
Secure in endless day.

Notwithstanding all that God has done for
us, we daily need the Holy Spirit, to direct
our wills, and strengthen our souls.

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January 19.—MORNING.

GRIEVE not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby
ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
—Eph. iv. 30.

Forbid it, Lord, that we
Who from thy hand receive
The Spirit's power to make us free,
Should e'er that Spirit grieve!

The Holy Spirit is a divine person, and
should be honoured by us in all our pur-
poses, plans, and practices: he is our Com-
forter, guide, and friend. *LL*

January 19.—EVENING.

THE Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from
the Father, he shall testify of me.—John
xv. 26.

Come, Heavenly Comforter, come!
Sweet witness of mercy divine,
And make me thy permanent home,
And seal me eternally thine!

The Holy Spirit always speaks of Jesus,
leads us to Jesus, and testifies of him to
the heart and conscience. *LL*

George Sanderson Hall married

January 20.—MORNING.

THEY that know thy name will put their trust in thee; for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.—Ps. ix. 10.

In thee shall all thy people trust,
Who know thy name, all-gracious Lord,
Since thou hast ne'er forsook the just,
Who seek thy face, and love thy word.

No one can really trust in God until he knows him; and no one does know him who does not trust in him. LL

January 20.—EVENING.

THEREFORE will I look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation.—Micah vii. 7.

None can be so o'erwhelm'd with grief,
But he in Christ may find relief;
All misery, however great,
His comforts can alleviate.

If we look to the Lord in prayer, and wait for him in faith, relief or deliverance is certain: therefore look, wait, expect, and receive. LL

January 21.—MORNING.

SURELY I know that it shall be well with
them that fear God, which fear before him.
—Eccles. viii. 12.

The men that fear the Lord
In every state are blest;
The Lord will grant whate'er they want,
Their souls shall dwell at rest.

If we fear to offend God because he is gra-
cious, he will make all things work together
for our good. LL

January 21.—EVENING.

WHOSOEVER is born of God doth not com-
mit sin.—1 John iii. 9.

Teach me by sweet experience, Lord,
This heavenly birth to know;
And thy perpetual aid afford,
That I in grace may grow.

No man is really sinless; but all who are
born of God, hate sin, strive against sin,
and forsake sin: they do not live in sin, or
in love with sin. LL

January 22.—MORNING.

O my people, what have I done unto thee?
and wherein have I wearied thee? testify
against me.—Micah vi. 3.

Lord, we have wander'd from the way,
Like foolish sheep we've gone astray;
Our pleasant pastures we have left,
And of their guard our souls bereft.

In backsliding, we speak against God, and
bear a false witness to men; in returning,
we acknowledge our faults, and endeavour
to repair the injury.

January 22.—EVENING.

To me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
—Phil. i. 21.

Ah, give me, Lord, the single eye,
Which aims at nought but thee;
I fain would live, and yet not I—
Let Jesus live in me.

The life of the Christian should be a practical exhibition of Christ, in his spirit, temper, disposition, and doctrine: then to live would be Christ, and to die eternal gain.

January 23.—MORNING.

I WILL be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.—2 Cor. vi. 18.

My sons and daughters you shall be,
Through the atoning blood;
And you shall claim and find in me
A Father and a God.

Those who separate from the world, and forsake sin at God's command, shall always be his beloved children.

January 23.—EVENING.

CHRIST died for our sins according to the Scriptures.—1 Cor. xv. 3.

He sunk beneath our heavy woes
To raise us to his throne;
There's not a gift his hand bestows,
But cost his heart a groan.

Jesus had undertaken to expiate our sins: in the Old Testament this was predicted; in due time he died, and fully atoned for them.

January 24.—MORNING.

My defence is of God, which saveth the
upright in heart.—Ps. vii. 10.

The Lord is Judge—before his throne
All nations shall his justice own :
Oh may my soul be found sincere,
And stand approv'd with courage there.

Uprightness of heart will produce holiness
of life; and such as are truly holy are
always safe. ✓✓✓

January 24.—EVENING.

BECAUSE thine heart was tender, and thou
hast humbled thyself before the Lord.—
2 Kings xxii. 19.

O, for that tenderness of heart
Which bows before the Lord ;
Acknowledges how just thou art,
And trembles at thy word !

Sin hardens the heart, but grace softens it ;
the more grace we receive, the tenderer
our hearts will be. ✓✓✓

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January 25.—MORNING.

A FRIEND loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.—Prov. xvii. 17.

His love no end nor measure knows,
No change can turn its course,
Immutably the same it flows
From one eternal source.

Such a friend is Jesus—his love is without variableness or the shadow of a turning; and he is the brother who befriends us in adversity. L L L

January 25.—EVENING.

MAKE me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.—Ps. li. 8.

Give my dejected soul to prove,
The joy of thy forgiving love;
Pour balm into my bleeding breast,
And lead my weary feet to rest.

If the Lord proclaim our pardon, it fills us with joy and peace; but no voice but his can raise us from gloom and sadness. L L L

January 26.—MORNING.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with
the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.—
1 John ii. 1.

Look up, my soul, with cheerful eye,
See where the great Redeemer stands,—
The glorious Advocate on high,
With precious incense in his hands.

When Jesus died and suffered for us on
earth, he pleads on our behalf in heaven;
therefore our sins are forgiven and our per-
sons are accepted. *llll*

January 26.—EVENING.

YE shall be hated of all men for my name's
sake.—Matt. x. 22.

If on my face, for thy dear name,
Shame and reproaches be;
I'll hail reproach, and welcome shame,
If thou remember me.

A holy life condemns a sinful world; hence
the opposition that is manifested to it: let
us aim to be holy; then though hated of
men, we shall be happy. *vv*

January 27.—MORNING.

THE Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you,
and keep you from evil.—2 Thess. iii. 3.

The Lord is faithful still to guide
And guard us night and day;
The Lord is faithful to provide,
And keep us lest we stray.

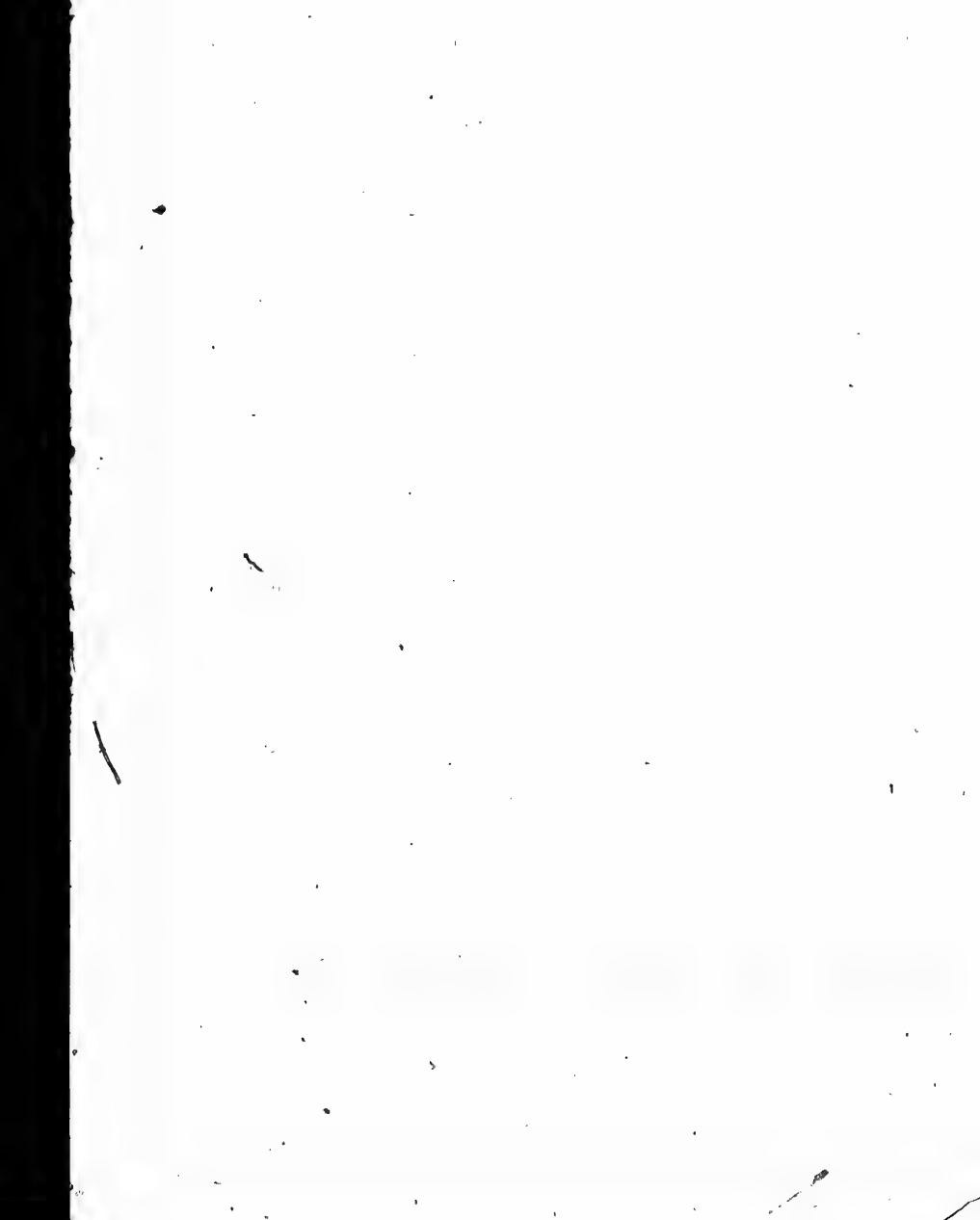
Walk closely with God, and he will faith-
fully preserve you from Satan, and establish
your goings in his ways.

January 27.—EVENING.

I AM thine, save me; for I have sought
thy precepts.—Ps. cxix. 94.

Teach my weak heart, O gracious Lord,
With stronger faith to call thee mine;
Bid me pronounce the blissful word,
My Father, God, with joy divine.

Interest in God gives us a claim upon God,
and should strengthen our souls in prayer
to God.



January 28.—MORNING.

THE needy shall not always be forgotten:
the expectation of the poor shall not perish
for ever.—Ps. ix. 18.

He'll not forget your suppliant prayer,
Ye humble souls awhile oppress'd !
The poor his plenteous grace shall share,
Nor hope deceive th' afflicted breast.

The prayers of the needy are sure of an
answer, for God is true; and the hopes of
the poor, in spirit will in due time be
realised.

January 28.—EVENING.

THOU art the same, and thy years shall not
fail.—Heb. i. 12,

No change of mind our Jesus knows,
A true and constant friend !
Where once the Lord his love bestows,
He loves unto the end.

Everything, and every one around us
changes, but Jesus is ever the same:
nothing can produce the least change in
him.

January 29.—MORNING.

It is the Lord; let him do what seemeth him good.—1 Sam. iii. 18.

One good I covet, and that good alone—
To choose thy will from selfish bias free,
And to prefer a cottage to a throne,
And grief to comfort, if it pleases thee.

All God's appointments are wise, and all his dispensations are gracious; it becomes us, therefore, not only to submit, but to be pleased with them. L L L

January 29.—EVENING.

BECAUSE thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.—Ps. lxxiii. 3.

When troubles like a gloomy cloud,
Has gathered thick and thundered loud,
He near my soul has always stood,
His loving-kindness, O how good.

Though life is preferred by sinners before everything else, the loving-kindness of God is preferred by the saint to that. L L

Fannie Armstrong 1854 born

January 30.—MORNING.

HEREBY perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us.—1 John iii. 16.

Guilty and weak to thee I fly,
On thy atoning blood rely,
And on thy righteousness depend,
My Lord, my Saviour, and my Friend.

The Lord Jesus is God, he is also man;
God and man in one person: as such he
loved us, lived for us, and died for us.

January 30.—EVENING.

THROUGH him we both have access by one
Spirit unto the Father.—Ephes. ii. 18.

In Christ, our medium of access,
We've pardon, rest, and righteousness;
The Father draws, the Spirit seals,
And everlasting life reveals.

There is no access to God for sinners but
through Jesus, but every one that goes in
his name is sure of acceptance and a
blessing.

January 31.—MORNING.

WHAT shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.—Ps. cxvi. 12, 13.

The best return for one like me,
So wretched and so poor,
Is from his gifts to draw a plea,
And ask him still for more.

Whatever comes from God to us is a benefit, however painful.

January 31.—EVENING.

HE that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.—1 John v. 8.

His sympathies to Israel's race
In sweet compassions move;
He clothes his looks with softest grace,
And takes his title—LOVE.

If we experimentally know God, who is love, the effect will be that we shall love all that love him: and, as he is love, we shall be lovely.

George & Harriet Ford married 1836

February 1.—MORNING.

THIS is his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness.—Jer. xxiii. 6.

Oh, that my faith could Jesus claim,
No more should doubts depress;
Fain would I triumph in his name,
The Lord our Righteousness.

The righteousness by which we are justified was wrought out by Jesus; and is imputed us of free grace. *LL*

February 1.—EVENING.

WHO is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God.—1 Pet. iii. 22.

Now though he reigns exalted high,
His love is still as great;
Well he remembers Calvary,
Nor let our souls forget.

Jesus loved us in heaven, therefore he came to earth to die for us; he loved us on earth, and is now gone to heaven to plead for us. *LL*

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February 2.—MORNING.

LET us therefore come boldly unto the
throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy,
and find grace to help in time of need.—
Heb. iv, 16.

Behold the throne of grace!
The promise calls me near;
There Jesus shows a smiling face,
And waits to answer prayer.

Believer, thy God is *on* the throne, Jesus is
before the throne, and thou art called *to*
the throne. LL

February 2.—EVENING.

WHO hath also sealed us, and given the
earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.—2 Cor.
i. 22.

Come, Holy Ghost, all-quickenng fire,
Come, and in me delight to rest;
Grant the supplies that I require;
O come, and consecrate my breast!

The Spirit as an earnest, is a part of the
inheritance, and a pledge of the full posses-
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† February 3.—MORNING.

HOLD up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.—Ps. xvii. 5.

With conscious weakness prone to stray,
Lord, let thy grace uphold my way ;
Be thou my Leader, thou my Guide,
Else my unstable feet shall slide.

Keep the Lord's way, be jealous of your own heart, seek the Lord's strength, and all will be well.

February 3.—EVENING.

He will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.—Deut. xxxi. 8.

Then let the Lord for ever reign,
And sway us as he will;
Sick, or in health, in ease, or pain,
We are his people still.

The Lord will never break his word, or forsake his people, therefore their fears are groundless, and their doubts sinful.

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February 4.—MORNING.

A NEW commandment I give unto you,
That ye love one another; as I have loved
you, that ye also love one another.—John
xiii. 34.

Let love through all my conduct shine—
An image fair, though faint, of thine!
And thus may I thy follower prove,
Great Prince of peace, great God of love.

Love to saints as such, irrespective of ex-
ternal circumstances, is a strong proof of
the new birth.

February 4.—EVENING.

To them gave he power to become the
sons of God, even to them that believe on
his name.—John i. 12.

Salvation in that name is found;
Balm of my grief and care;
A med'cine for my every wound,
All, all I want is there.

Every believer is a child of God, for faith
proves his regeneration, and every child
should call God Father.

February 5.—MORNING.

BLESSED be ye poor; for yours is the kingdom of God,—Luke vi. 20.

These are the souls whom Christ will bless
With all the riches of his grace;
And these are they who soon shall rise
To a bright kingdom in the skies.

The poorer we are, the more we need the Saviour; and the more we need him, the more welcome we are to him.

February 5.—EVENING.

AND came and preached peace, to you which were afar off.—Eph. ii. 17.

Then if thine eye of faith be dim,
Rest thou on Jesus, sink or swim;
And at his footstool bow thy knee,
His precious blood thy peace shall be.

Jesus made peace, preached peace, gives peace, and preserves peace: He is our peace.

February 6.—MORNING.

O THOU of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?—Matt. xiv. 31.

Faith hath for its foundation broad
A stable rock, on which I stand,
The truth and faithfulness of God;
All other ground is sinking sand.

Our doubts dishonour God, disturb our peace, and give Satan power over us; let us hold fast the faithful word, and expect the Lord to make it good.

February 6.—EVENING.

THEY that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.—Matt. ix. 12.

See, in the Saviour's dying blood,
Life, health, and bliss abundant flow!
'Tis only this dear sacred flood
Can ease thy pain, and heal thy woe.

The self-righteous do not feel their need of Christ, but every one taught by the Holy Spirit daily feels it more and more.

February 7.—MORNING.

YIELD yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead.—Rom. vi. 13.

Love, this gentle admonition,
Whispers soft within my breast
"Choice befits not thy condition,
Acquiescence suits thee best."

We should yield our understandings to his word, our hearts to his influence, and our lives to his disposal.

February 7.—EVENING.

WHEN Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished.—John xix. 30.

Justice was *fully* satisfied,
Atonement *fully* made;
The law was *fully* magnified,
And wondrous love displayed.

Jesus knew *what* he had undertaken, and for *whom* he had undertaken; his work was now finished, for their salvation was secured.

February 8.—MORNING.

I HAVE trusted in thy mercy; my heart
shall rejoice in thy salvation.—Ps. xiii. 5.

'Tis mercy buries all complaints,
Gives pleasures ever new;
Oh, how it triumphs o'er the saints,
And makes them triumph too!

Confidence in God's mercy will prompt us
to fervent prayer; and fervent prayer will
be crowned with joyful success: faith is
the root of prayer.

February 8.—EVENING.

THOU hast been my defence and refuge in
the day of my trouble.—Ps. lix. 16.

In every trouble, sharp and strong,
My soul to Jesus flies,
My anchor-hold is firm in him
When swelling billows rise.

In trouble it is well to look back and see
how the Lord has befriended us, and then
to exercise faith in him afresh.

February 9.—MORNING.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.—Ps. cxlv. 19.

Those feeble desires, those wishes so weak,
'Tis Jesus inspires, and bids thee still seek:
His Spirit will cherish the life he first gave,
You never shall perish, if Jesus can save.

The heart is as the desires are; if we ardently desire spiritual things, we are spiritual, and God will fulfil our desires. ✓

February 9.—EVENING.

He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.—1 Cor. vi. 17.

To Jesus joined, we all that's good
From him our Head derive;
We eat his flesh, and drink his blood,
And by, and in him live.

The Holy Spirit brings us into union with Christ, and keeps us in union with him: if he unite us to Christ, he will make us *like* Christ. ✓ ✓

February 10.—MORNING.

Unto you that fear my name shall the Sun
of righteousness arise with healing in his
wings.—Mal. iv. 2.

To fear thy name, to trust thy grace,
To learn thy will be my employ,
'Till I shall see thee face to face,
Thyself my heaven—thyself my joy.

The best Christians are sometimes in the
dark: this is necessary to try them; but
light is sown for them, and deliverance is
not far from them.

February 10.—EVENING.

CHRIST also hath loved us, and hath given
himself for us.—Eph. v. 2.

For us the Saviour's blood avails,
Almighty to atone
The hands he gave to piercing nails,
Shall lead us to his throne.

The sacrifice of Christ is but the effect of
his love, if therefore he so loved us as to
give himself for us, he will not deny us any
good thing.



February 11.—MORNING.

PRESERVE me, O God; for in thee do I put my trust.—Ps. xvi. 1.

Almighty God, preserve my soul,
I trust thy arm divine;
My steadfast faith, thou Lord of all,
Delights to call thee mine.

He that trusteth in God may expect to be preserved by God: nor shall such expectations be disappointed. *1152*

February 11.—EVENING.

THE Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things.—John xiv. 26.

He quickens the dead, by the word of his grace,
He opens the eyes of the blind,
Then leads to the Saviour for pardon and peace,
And blessings of every kind.

In all that Jesus did, he glorified his Father;
and in all that the Holy Spirit does, he glorifies the Son. *1152*

February 12.—MORNING.

Of his fulness have all we received, and
grace for grace.—John i. 16.

All things I want; but one is nigh
My want of all things to supply;
Pardon, and peace, and liberty,
Jesus, I all things have in thee.

All fulness is in Jesus; it is there for his
people; they are always welcome to it: you
cannot be more welcome than you are at
this moment; go and receive, and thus
glorify him.

February 12.—EVENING.

I WILL hope continually, and will yet praise
thee more and more.—Ps. lxxi. 14.

In all our troubles may we wait,
And meekly kiss the rod;
Deliverance never comes too late
To those who hope in God.

Unless we expect *from* God, there is no
proof that we believe *in* God; nor will
daily praise ascend *to* God.

February 13.—MORNING.

THE eternal God is thy refuge; and underneath are the everlasting arms.—Deut. xxxiii. 27.

On everlasting arms I lean;
These only can sustain my hope;
These have till now my refuge been,
And these through life still hold me up.

The strength that supports us is omnipotent, the refuge that preserves us is eternal; why then should we fear? *LLC*

February 13.—EVENING.

THE desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.—Isa. xxvi. 8.

Deliverance to my soul proclaim,
And life and liberty;
Show forth the virtue of thy name,
And Jesus prove to me.

Spiritual desires always lead to the Saviour, and fix the eye and the heart on him; they also produce zeal for God and a concern to glorify him. *LLC*

*My dear Father died at Green-die-Lee on the
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February 14.—MORNING.

I WILL not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.—John xiv. 18.

Thanks to thy name, all-gracious Lord,
For every promise in thy word;
But oh, with this our hearts impress,
"I will not leave you comfortless."

Jesus never leaves his people, though he sometimes hides his face from them; he always sympathises with them in their sorrows, and turns their sorrow into joy.

February 14.—EVENING.

SERVING the Lord with all humility of mind.—Acts xx. 19.

Humility the Lord beholds
With an approving eye;
In humble souls he doth delight,
For such on him rely.

The humble servant keeps his eye on the Lord's glory, works in his Lord's strength, and is sure to be honoured.

February 15.—MORNING.

BEHOLD the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.—John i. 29.

In every state, and time, and place,
Plead only Jesus' blood;
However wretched be your case,
"Behold the Lamb of God."

Looking to Jesus, as the sin-bearing Lamb of God, will quiet the conscience, calm the mind, sanctify the heart, and correct the life.

February 15.—EVENING.

WHERE sin abounded, grace did much more abound.—Rom. v. 20.

The vilest of sinners forgiveness have found,
For Jesus was humbled that grace might abound;
Whoever repents of his sin against God,
Shall surely be pardoned through Calvary's blood.

The grace of the Infinite must infinitely exceed the sins of the finite: grace is God glorifying himself.

February 16.—MORNING.

KEEP me as the apple of the eye; hide me
under the shadow of thy wings.—Ps. xvii. 8.

To me thy watchful care apply,
Quick as the shade which guards the eye;
While round my soul thy mercy flings
The sheltering shadow of its wings.

The Lord will carefully keep and com-
fortably protect those who put their trust
in him.

February 16.—EVENING.

BEHOLD my servant, whom I uphold; mine
elect, in whom my soul delighteth.—Isa.
xlii. 1.

Jesus, in condescending love,
Thus makes his grace appear;
He left the shining realms above,
To be a servant here.

Jesus, as the servant of the Father, came
into our world to redeem, collect, and save
all his beloved children.

February 17.—MORNING.

BEHOLD, God is my salvation; I will trust
and not be afraid.—Isa. xii. 2.

To the Eternal thanks belong,
Who hast become our strength and song.
In Jesus we adore thy grace,
Which saves and sanctifies our race.

Our Saviour is God, and in saving us he
displays all the glories of his character.

February 17.—EVENING.

HIM hath God exalted with his right hand
to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give
repentance.—Acts v. 31.

The Lamb is exalted repentance to give:
That sin may be hated, while sinners believe;
Contrition is granted, and God justified,
The sinner is humbled, and self is denied.

Repentance is daily necessary, and is daily
required; as Jesus is exalted to give it, let
us ask and receive it, and so live exer-
cising it.

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February 18.—MORNING.

God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace
unto the humble. Submit yourselves there-
fore to God.—James iv. 6, 7.

Wishing is but inclination;
Quarrelling with God's decrees;
Wayward nature finds the occasion—
'Tis her folly and disease.

Humble ~~souls~~ may obtain anything from
the Lord, but the proud will meet with
a repulse.

February 18.—EVENING.

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for
him.—Ps. xxxvii. 7.

O for that sweet simplicity,
That rests alone on Christ;
Just like helpless infancy,
Hangs on the mother's breast.

In all times of trial, perplexity, and diffi-
culty, we should rest with steady faith on
the Lord's faithfulness, veracity, and love.

February 19.—MORNING.

LET this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.—Phil. ii. 5.

Come, let us imitate his love,
And walk as Jesus walk'd below;
The Lord will such attempts approve,
And we shall his salvation show.

The mind of Jesus was characterised by peace, holiness, humility, truth, confidence, and love.

February 19.—EVENING.

AND when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both.—Luke vii. 42.

'Tis perfect poverty alone,
That sets the soul at large,
While we can call one mite our own,
We have no full discharge.

✓ Until we feel that we are utterly lost, we shall never enjoy complete salvation; those who can pay nothing are forgiven all.

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* February 20.—MORNING.

Our fathers trusted in thee; they trusted
and thou didst deliver them.—Ps. xxii. 4.

From want of faith our sorrows flow;
Short-sighted mortals, weak and blind,
Bend down their eyes to earth and woe,
And doubt if providence is kind.

Our fathers were severely tried, but they
trusted in the God who tried them; and he
honoured their trust by delivering them.

February 20.—EVENING.

My kindness shall not depart from thee,
neither shall the covenant of my peace be
removed.—Isa. liv. 10.

Firm as his throne his covenant stands;
Though earth should shake and skies depart,
You're safe in your Redeemer's hands,
Who bears your names upon his heart.

The kindness of God is unchangeable, and
his covenant secures the present and ever-
lasting welfare of every saint.

February 21.—MORNING.

WHY dost thou strive against him? for he
giveth not account of any of his matters.—
Job xxxiii. 13.

Confess him righteous in his just decrees,
Love what he loves, and let his pleasure please.
Die daily, from the touch of sin recede,
Then thou hast crowned him, and he reigns indeed.

Nothing can be more irrational and absurd
than for a sinful creature to strive with his
Maker.

February 21.—EVENING.

WE which have believed do enter into rest.
—Heb. iv. 3.

By Christ we enter into rest,
And triumph o'er the fall;
Whoe'er would be completely blest,
Must trust to Christ for all.

Believing in Jesus, we rest from slavish
fears, gloomy doubts, and all controversy
with God: we enjoy peace.

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February 22.—MORNING.

I WILL heal their backsliding, I will love them freely.—Hosea xiv. 4.

Though I have griev'd thy Spirit, Lord,
His help and comfort still afford;
And let a poor backslider trace
The wonders of restoring grace.

If God love a backslider at all, it must be freely; but he loves just because he will love, and looks for no cause out of himself.

February 22.—EVENING.

COMMIT thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.—Ps. xxxvii. 5.

O might I doubt no more,
But in his pleasure rest,
Whose wisdom, love, and truth, and power,
Engage to make me blest.

In the exercise of faith we should lay everything before the Lord, and calmly leave all our affairs in his hand: this is both our privilege and duty.

February 23.—MORNING.

ARISE ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted.—Micah ii. 10.

It needs our hearts be wean'd from earth,
It needs that we be driven,
By loss of every earthly stay,
To seek our joys in heaven.

The earth, in its present state, is not intended to be the home of the Lord's family: their rest is above.

February 23.—EVENING.

WITHOUT controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh.—1 Tim. iii. 16.

Almighty God sighed human breath!
The Lord of life experienced death!
How it was done we can't discuss;
But this we know, 'twas done for us.

It is indeed a mystery how God could become man, and especially that he should do so to save his foes: but mysterious as it is, it is fact.

February 24.—MORNING.

MANY are the afflictions of the righteous;
but the Lord delivereth him out of them
all.—Ps. xxxiv. 19.

Numerous waves of trouble rolling,
Oft his humble saints oppress;
But the Lord, their rage controlling,
Saves his servants from distress.

Affliction is the furnace in which God tries
his gold, he intends purification, not injury;
deliverance is sure when the dross is re-
moved.

February 24.—EVENING.

God imputeth righteousness without works.
—Rom. iv. 6.

Imputed righteousness alone,
Can bring the guilty nigh;
Give boldness at Jehovah's throne,
And right to joys on high.

The sinner cannot procure a righteousness,
but Jesus procured one for him; and what
Jesus procured for him, the Father imputes
to him.



February 25.—MORNING.

CHRIST our passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.—1 Cor. v.
7, 8.

Once Jesus, as thy surety, bled;
Was crowned with thorns, to Calvary led,
From sin and curse to set thee free;
His blood's a peaceful sign to thee.

The Lord passes over the sins of his people,
and saves their persons, because Jesus died
in their stead.

February 25.—EVENING.

WE are saved by hope: but hope that is
seen is not hope: for what a man seeth,
why doth he yet hope for?—Rom. viii. 24.

'Tis by hope the saints are saved;
Living hope to Jesus goes;
Draws all life through Jesus' merit,
And no other Saviour knows.

The merit of Christ alone saves us from
death, but hope saves us from despondency
and despair.

February 26.—MORNING.

IN whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.—Eph. iii. 12.

The terrors of law and of God
With me can have nothing to do;
My Saviour's obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view.

As believers, we are not only permitted to approach God, but to open our mouths and speak freely before him, confident of acceptance and success.

February 26.—EVENING.

HAVE mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak.—Ps. vi. 2.

I'm helpless as a little child,
And like it I would rest.
Show me, O God, a parent's heart!
Give me an infant's trust.

We are never so safe as when we deeply feel our weakness; for then it is that we look for promised strength, and receive it.

Grand. Peke Ward died 1861

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† February 27.—MORNING.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.—Phil. iv. 7.

Will my God this peace reveal,
When my heart and flesh shall fail?
Then I'll sing in Jordan's flood,
Sweet's the peace that's made by blood.

It is only as we place unhesitating confidence in the atonement, and cast all our cares upon God, that we can enjoy peace.

February 27.—EVENING.

So have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.—Isa. liv. 9.

Though darkness spread around our tent,
Though fear prevail and joy decline,
God will not of his oath repent,
Dear Lord, thy people still are thine.

As God swore that he would no more destroy the earth with a flood, so hath he sworn that he will not be wroth with his beloved people.

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February 28.—MORNING.

SET your affection on things above, not on
things on the earth.—Col. iii. 2.

Rise, from these earthly trifles, rise
On wings of faith and love;
Above your chiefest treasure lies,
And be your hearts above.

Let us think of heaven as the residence of
God and his saints, as the region of holi-
ness and love.

February 28.—EVENING.

THE Lord will give grace and glory.—Pa.
lxxxiv. 11.

Oh! may I practically show,
My interest in thy grace;
Be all I am, and have, and do,
Devoted to thy praise.

Grace fits us for glory, and is introductory
to it; the two are inseparably connected:
if grace sanctify us, glory will crown us.

February 29.—MORNING.

KEEP back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me.—Pa. xix. 13.

From each presumptuous way restrain,
Nor on my heart let guilt remain :
Then shall my spirit stand sincere,
From guilt's allow'd dominion clear.

There is nothing so bad, but, if left to ourselves, we shall fall into it. ✓ ✓ ✓

February 29.—EVENING.

By the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.—Rom. v. 19.

Though hellish smoke my duty stain,
And sin deform me quite;
The blood of Jesus makes me clean,
And his obedience white.

Adam made us sinners, Jesus makes us righteous; union to Adam brings us under condemnation, union to Jesus delivers us from it. ✓ ✓

March 1.—MORNING.

THE Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; he will save us.
—Isa. xxxiii. 22.

Infinite power and boundless grace
In him unite their rays;
If you have ever beheld his face,
Can you forbear his praise?

Jesus, as our king, rules over us; as our lawgiver, he gives laws to us; and as our judge, he will pass sentence upon us. He is all and in all.

March 1.—EVENING.

If ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.—Rom. viii. 13.

Jesus, my life, thyself apply,
Thine hallowing Spirit breathe:
My vile affections crucify;
Conform me to thy death.

Being justified freely by grace, our daily business is to crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts: and for this purpose the Holy Spirit is given.

March 2.—MORNING.

If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ,
let him be Anathema Maranatha.—1 Cor.
xvi. 22.

Such base ingratitude as this
What heart but must detest!
Sure Christ deserves the noblest place
In every human breast.

Faith in Christ always produces love to
him; if we love him not, we do not believe
in him, and shall therefore be accursed
when he comes.

March 2.—EVENING.

I SAID not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye
me in vain.—Isa. xlv. 19.

Then my soul, upon the Lord
Believe, and ask again;
Thou hast his kind and faithful word
That none shall ask in vain.

If the Lord speak with power and authority,
"Seek," the soul obeys; and every soul
who does seek will find.

March 3.—MORNING.

Is there not an appointed time to man
upon earth? Are not his days also like
the days of an hireling?—Job vii. 1.

Our days are number'd, let us spare
Our anxious hearts a needless care;
'Tis thine to number out our days,
And ours to give them to thy praise.

There is no chance where God reigns; he
who gave us life fixed its limit.

March 3.—EVENING.

HE was received up into heaven, and sat on
the right hand of God.—Mark xvi. 19.

What can Christians have to fear,
When they view their Saviour there?
Hell is vanquished, heaven appeased,
God is reconciled and pleased.

The presence of Jesus in heaven secures
our arrival there, and all the supplies we
need until we arrive: he is there for us, and
he will plead for us until we arrive.

March 4.—MORNING.

I WILL be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.—Heb. viii. 12.

Cheered by the hope of pardoning grace,
I come thy mercy, Lord, to prove;
Like weeping Mary, let me taste
A pledge of thy forgiving love.

When God pardons a sinner he does it completely; it is for ever.

March 4.—EVENING.

REJOICE in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.—Phil. iii. 3.

Whatever be thy frame,
Though dull and cold as ice,
No change has taken place in him,
Then in the Lord rejoice.

Christ has for us all we want, and is made unto us all we need; therefore we should rejoice in him at all times.

March 5.—MORNING.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

—James i. 5.

Give me thy wisdom, Lord; the sense
Of godly sorrow give;
A strong desiring confidence
To hear thy voice and live.

We need wisdom to manage our trials, exercise our graces, perform our duties, and conquer our foes.

March 5.—EVENING.

CASTING all your care upon him; for he careth for you.—1 Pet. v. 7.

To Jesus, thy cares forego,
All earth-born cares are wrong;
Man wants but little here below,
Nor wants that little long.

Earthly cares weaken faith, hinder meditation, and obstruct our progress; let us carry them all to Jesus and leave them with him.

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March 6.—MORNING.

Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye
be established; believe his prophets, so
shall ye prosper.—2 Chron. xx. 20.

Oh, that closer I could cleave
To thy tender, loving breast!
Give me firmly to believe,
And to enter into rest.

Faith in God is essential to faith in his
word; and steady faith in his word is at
the root of our stability and fruitfulness.

March 6.—EVENING.

In all things it behoved him to be made
like unto his brethren.—Heb. ii. 17.

Christ your fellow-sufferer see,
He was in all things like to you;
Are you tempted? so was he;
Deserted? he was too.

Jesus has experienced all the varieties of
human woe, therefore he *can* and *will* sym-
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March 7.—MORNING.

THE will of the Lord be done.—Acts xxi.
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My soul I rest happy in thy low estate,
Nor hope, nor wish, to be esteem'd or great;
To take the impression of a will divine,
Be that my glory, and those riches mine.

The will of God is regulated by holiness,
wisdom, and love, and must, therefore, be
preferable to ours.

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March 7.—EVENING.

AFTER ye were illuminated, ye endured a
great fight of afflictions.—Heb. x. 32.

Many and great our trials are,
But every trial we shall bear,
While we the word of God regard,
And cast our burdens on the Lord.

No one now can be singularly tried, for
many of the saints have passed, and are
passing through the same afflictions.

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March 8.—MORNING.

BEHOLD, I come quickly: hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.—Rev. iii. 11.

Lord, may I then exulting stand
Among the sheep at thy right hand,
Before the angels stand confest,
And hear thy lips proclaim me blest.

Hold fast the truth of God, it is your charter; hold fast your confidence in God, it is your strength; and hold fast your profession, it is your honour. *ll*

March 8.—EVENING.

THE Lord trieth the righteous.—Ps. xi. 5.

Trials may press of every sort,
They may be sore, they must be short;
We now believe, but soon shall view,
The greatest glories God can show.

Trials are the Lord's furnace, in which he tries our graces and purifies our persons; if we have not been tried, we are not safe. *ll ll*

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March 9.—MORNING.

THOU wilt save the afflicted people; but
wilt bring down high looks.—Ps. xviii. 27.

Down then with self exulting thoughts,
Thy faith and hope employ,
To welcome all that he allots,
And suffer shame with joy.

When afflictions produce humility, and
bring us nearer to God, salvation is cer-
tain; but the proud will fall.

March 9.—EVENING.

THE very God of peace sanctify you wholly.
—1 Thess. v. 23.

Rule in me, Lord, my foes control,
Which would not own thy sway;
Diffuse thy likeness through my soul,
Shine to the perfect day.

Every soul that is sanctified at all, longs
and prays to be sanctified throughout, in
body, soul, and spirit: and he that began
the good work will complete it.

March 10.—MORNING.

HATH not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom?—James ii. 5.

He draws from human littleness
His grandeur and renown;
And generous hearts with joy confess
The triumph all his own.

In this world, generally, the rich have their good things: yet so the Lord's poor, theirs is in heaven.

March 10.—EVENING.

THE Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing.—Ps. xli. 3.

Jesus shall be thy helping friend,
Thy good physician, nay, thy nurse,
To make thy bed shall condescend,
And from the affliction take the curse.

The promise belongs especially to the kind-hearted and liberal, who remember the poor; yet each believer has an interest in it.

March 11.—MORNING.

THAT I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.—Phil. iii. 10.

'Tis life to know the dying lamb;
Eternal life is in his name;
O may I in this knowledge grow,
And daily more of Jesus know.

To know Christ experimentally, is our highest attainment: daily seek it.

March 11.—EVENING.

THE Lord God is a sun and shield.—Ps. lxxxiv. 11.

Let not my hopes be overcast,
With shadows of despair;
Dart through my soul thy quickening beam,
And shine for ever there.

Our God is at once the light that cheers and guides us, and the shield that protects and defends us: our comfort and safety. Let us look to him in darkness and danger.

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March 12.—MORNING.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.—Phil. iv. 6.

Ah, vainly anxious! leave the Lord
To rule and to dispose;
Sweet is the mandate of his word,
And gracious all he does.

We should do with our cares as we do with our sins; carry them to Jesus, and cast them on him.

March 12.—EVENING.

AND being in an agony he prayed more earnestly.—Luke xxii. 44.

If thou of murmur'ing wouldst be cured,
Compare thy griefs with mine;
Think what my love for thee endured,
And thou wilt not repine.

The sufferings of Christ in the garden were immediately from the hand of God: it was Jehovah bruising and putting him to grief for us.

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March 13.—MORNING.

No man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.—1 Thess. iii. 3.

Sov'reign love appoints the measure
And the number of our pains;
And is pleased when we find pleasure
In the trials he ordains.

Afflictions, like storms, often agitate and alarm us, but without cause.

March 13.—EVENING.

It is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love.—Song v. 2.

Come quickly in, thou heavenly guest,
Nor ever hence remove;
But sup with me, and let the feast
Be everlasting love.

Jesus is seeking fellowship with us this evening, let us go into secret with him, and pour out our hearts before him.

March 14.—MORNING.

I SHALL be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.—Ps. xvii. 15.

Unlike my God, I cannot rest,
For sin is perfect misery;
But stamp thine image on my breast,
Conform my panting soul to thee.

There is no perfect satisfaction here, but when we are like God, and for ever with God, we shall be satisfied to the full, and satisfied for ever.

March 14.—EVENING.

CLEANSE thou me from secret faults.—Ps. xix. 12.

O cleanse me in a Saviour's blood,
Transform me by thy power,
And make me thy beloved abode,
And let me rove no more.

There are many faults which do not strike us, from these we need to be cleansed, and for this cleansing we should frequently pray.

March 15.—MORNING.

I AM the Lord thy God; which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.—Isa. xlviii. 17.

Lessons of a God's inspiring,
Neither time nor place impedes;
From our wishing and desiring,
Our unhappiness proceeds.

If the Lord is our teacher, we shall learn to converse with him, work for him, and carefully imitate him.

March 15.—EVENING.

TRULY our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.—1 John i. 3.

With God sweet converse I maintain,
Great as he is, I dare be free;
I tell him all my grief and pain,
And he reveals his love to me.

If reconciled to God, we shall live in fellowship with God, and this is the standing evidence of the grace of God in the heart.

March 16.—MORNING.

I WILL pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplications.—Zech. xii. 10.

Come gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With light and comfort from above;
Be thou my guardian, thou my guide,
O'er every thought and step preside.

All real prayer begins with God: it is the Holy Spirit that shows us our wants, leads to the throne of grace, and helps our infirmities there.

March 16.—EVENING.

LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.—Ps. iv. 6.

Lift up thy countenance serene,
And let thy happy child
Behold, without a cloud between,
My Father reconciled.

When the Lord shines upon us, we are happy, contented, and strong; but when he hides his face, we are troubled, dissatisfied, and feeble.

Willie Whitehead 1836

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March 17.—MORNING.

HE shall choose our inheritance for us.—
Ps. xlvii. 4.

His choice is safer than our own,
Of ages past inquire—
What the most formidable fate?
To have our own desire.

As Joseph chose the best of the land for his
brethren, so the Lord has chosen the best
lot for his people.

March 17.—EVENING.

LET him take hold of my strength, that he
may make peace with me.—Isa. xlvii. 6.

Could I of thy strength take hold,
And always feel thee near,
Confident, divinely bold,
My soul should soon to fear.

The strength of God is in Christ, who is the
strength of the poor: taking hold of him,
or resting in his finished work, we enjoy
peace.

March 18.—MORNING.

WHO his own self bare our sins in his own
body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins,
should live unto righteousness.—1 Pet. ii. 24.

He bore our sins, our sorrows fell
Like mountains on his soul;
Like rising seas he saw them swell,
Like raging billows roll.

Our sins were imputed to Jesus, punished
in Jesus, put away by Jesus, and we par-
doned for the sake of Jesus.

March 18.—EVENING.

I AM Alpha and Omega, the first and the
last.—Rev. i. 11.

All the names that love could find,
All the forms that love could take,—
Jesus in himself hath joined,
Thee, my soul, his own to make.

Jesus comprehends in himself all that is
great, good, or glorious; all we can desire,
enjoy, or employ; all we can need in time
or eternity.

March 19.—MORNING.

THOU hast delivered my soul from death,
mine eyes from tears, and my feet from
falling.—Ps. cxvi. 8.

And now, in the strength he has given,
And pledged his own word to bestow,
I'll fight through my passage to heaven,
And sing of his love as I go.

Past mercies should animate us in present
duties and trials.

March 19.—EVENING.

EXAMINE me, O Lord, and prove me; try
my reins and my heart.—Ps. xvi. 2.

Since all my secret ways
Are mark'd and known to thee,
Afford me, Lord, thy light of grace,
That I myself may see.

An unconverted sinner never desires to see
his own true state and character, but every
truly regenerated soul does. Do You

March 20.—MORNING.

I WILL bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried.—Zech. xiii. 9.

Thou shalt purge away nought but my dross,
Though let him afflict, I'll adore;
And cheerfully bear up the cross,
Which Jesus has carried before.

Every Christian must have his cross; but very few are satisfied with the one appointed for them.

March 20.—EVENING.

O LORD, I am oppressed; undertake for me.—Isa. xxxviii. 14.

God knows the pains his servants feel,
He hears his children cry;
To help in weakness and in want,
His grace is ever nigh.

The trouble that drives us to the Lord,
does us good; it is only the burden that is too heavy for us that we are willing to cast upon God.

March 21.—MORNING.

As one whom his mother comforteth, so
will I comfort you; and ye shall be com-
forted.—Isa. lxi. 13.

Christians find rich consolation,
Solid ground on which to rest;
Trusting in the great salvation,
Not deserted though oppressed.

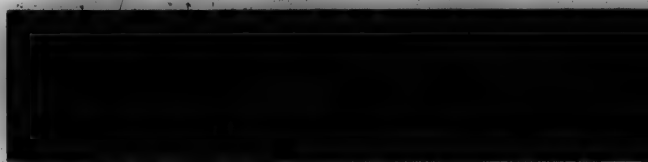
Our God is the God of all comfort; let us
therefore look to him under all our sorrows,
he will comfort us. *LVII*

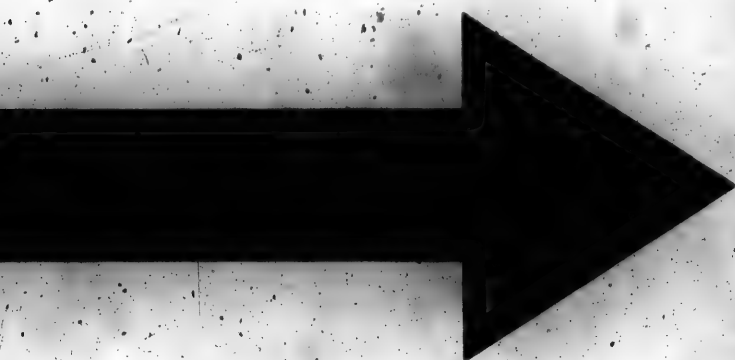
March 21.—EVENING.

PEACE I leave with you, my peace I give
unto you.—John xiv. 27.

The peace which man can ne'er conceive,
The love and joy unknown,
Now, Saviour, to thy servant give,
And claim me for thine own.

No peace can be compared to that which
Jesus gives; it is pure, powerful, and per-
manent: to procure it, cost him his life,
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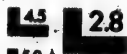




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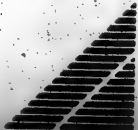
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March 22.—MORNING.

HAVE no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

—Ephes. v. 11.

For God industriously employ
Whate'er his bounteous grace hath giv'n;
And run thy course with sacred joy,
And closely walk with him to heaven.

Fellowship with sinners is contaminating,
while spiritual fellowship is improving.

March 22.—EVENING.

I HAVE waited for thy salvation, O Lord.—
Gen. xlix. 18.

Give us quietly to tarry
Till for all thy glory meet—
Waiting like attentive Mary,
Happy at the Saviour's feet.

Salvation is before us, even perfect and eternal deliverance from all sin; let us patiently wait for it.

Harriet A. Ward born 1819

March 23.—MORNING.

RESTORE unto me the joy of thy salvation,
and uphold me with thy free Spirit.—Ps.
li. 12.

Dear Lord, thy absence I deplore,
Thy saving joys again restore;
And let thy Spirit, gen'rous, free!
Uphold my future steps with thee.

Sin extinguishes the flame of holy joy, and
when once it is extinguished, only the Lord
can rekindle it: let us walk warily and up-
rightly.

March 23.—EVENING.

WHEN he was in affliction, he besought the
Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly:
—2 Chron. xxxiii. 12.

Afflictions, though they seem severe,
In mercy oft are sent;
They show the prodigal his sin,
And lead him to repent.

Prosperity has led many astray, but adver-
sity has been sent to reclaim them: affliction
is a father's voice crying, "Come back."

Aileen Isabel Hirschboffer 1871.

March 24.—MORNING.

In Christ Jesus neither circumcision avail-
eth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a
new creature.—Gal. vi. 15.

Now, Lord, I would be thine alone,
And wholly live to thee;
But may I hope that thou wilt own
A worthless worm like me!

It matters not whether we are Jews or Gen-
tiles, we must be born again.

March 24.—EVENING.

Ye have overcome the wicked one.—1 John
ii. 13.

Lord, bring me to this glorious end!
And from this heart of mine,
O drive and keep away the fiend,
Who fears no voice but thine.

Satan is emphatically the wicked one, being
in every view of him wicked: he can only
be overcome by steady faith in Jesus, and
constant resistance.

March 25.—MORNING.

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost.—Rom. xv. 13.

Cheer my desponding heart
With consolations sweet,
Give me to lie with humble hope
At my Redeemer's feet.

The author of our hope is the source of our joy; no one can produce a good hope in a sinner's heart but God. L L

March 25.—EVENING.

HE was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities.—Isa. liii. 5.

That dear blood, for sinners spilt,
Shows my sin in all its guilt;
Ah! my soul, he bore thy load—
Thou hast slain the Lamb of God.

Our sins being imputed to Jesus, the desert of them was laid upon him; he suffered what we deserved; and now we enjoy what he merited. L L

March 26.—MORNING.

UGHT not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?—Luke xxiv. 26.

'Twas *justice* that wreathed for his head
The thorns that encircled it round;
Thy temples, Immanuel, bled,
That mine might with glory be crown'd.

The engagement of Jesus to suffer for his people was voluntary, but after he had engaged, his sufferings became necessary.

March 26.—EVENING.

THOU shalt fear the Lord thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave.—Deut. x. 20.

Should I from thee, my God, remove;
Life could no lasting bliss afford:
My joy, the sense of pard'ning love;
My guard, the presence of my Lord.

Filial fear leads to holy obedience, and preserves us from wandering from God.

March 27.—MORNING.

GIVE unto the Lord the glory due unto his name.—1 Chron. xvi. 29.

No longer then thou wilt encroach
On his eternal right;
And he shall smile at thy approach,
And make thee his delight.

As God is the author of all good, all that is good should be ascribed to him. We cannot ascribe too much to God, nor too little to man.

March 27.—EVENING.

I FIND then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.—Rom. vii. 21.

Far worse than all my foes I find,
The enemy within—
The evil heart—the carnal mind—
Mine own insidious sin.

We are in more danger from inbred corruption than from Satan and all his hosts; the enemy within is worse than the enemy without.

March 28.—MORNING.

LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul,
for I have sinned against thee.—Ps. xli. 4.

See, in the Saviour's dying blood,
Life, health, and bliss abundant flow;
'Tis only this dear sacred flood
Can ease thy pain, and heal thy woe.

In sickness and sorrow we can only appeal
to mercy; but the appeal is always hon-
oured, and healing and health is conferred
on the soul.

March 28.—EVENING.

If children, then heirs; heirs of God, and
joint-heirs with Christ.—Rom. viii. 17.

Come, then, my God, mark out thine heir;
Of heaven a larger earnest give!
With clearer light thy witness bear—
More sensibly within me live.

Every believer is a child, every child is an
heir, and every heir is united to Jesus, who
is heir of all things. What glorious honour
this!

March 29.—MORNING.

WHO knoweth what is good for a man in
this life, all the days of his vain life?—
Eccles. vi. 12.

My Father's wisdom cannot err,
His love no change or failure knows;
Be mine his counsel to prefer,
And acquiesce in all he does.

If we did but believe in God's love to us,
we should be satisfied with the provision
he has made for us.

March 29.—EVENING.

BLESSED is the man whom thou chastenest,
O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law.—
Ps. xciv. 12.

'Tis good that saints should trust the Lord,
And seek for comfort in his word;
There all they read will tend to prove,
That their afflictions are in love.

If the Lord love us, he will teach us; if he
teach, he will correct us; and by correcting,
instruct us.

March 30.—MORNING.

In the world ye shall have tribulation : but
be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

—John xvi. 33.

Sure every cross a mercy is,
A blessing every thorn,—
That tells me, here is not my bliss,
I am for nobler born.

In the world trouble, in Jesus peace; this
is the Divine arrangement: and the trials
we meet with in the world greatly endear
the Saviour.

March 30.—EVENING.

FOR yet a little while, and he that shall
come will come, and will not tarry.—Heb.
x. 37.

A few more days, or months, or years,
In this dark desert to complain;
A few more sighs, a few more tears,
And we shall bid adieu to pain.

The Saviour will soon appear, and then our
labours will cease, and our sorrows will
end; all beyond will be light, joy, and
peace.

March 31.—MORNING.

WOE unto him that striveth with his Maker.
—Isa. xlv. 7.

Yield to the Lord with simple heart,
All that thou hast, and all thou art;
Renounce all strength but strength divine,
And peace shall be for ever thine.

Opposition to God is opposition to a wise
and holy father; it is highly criminal, and
as foolish as the traveller kicking against a
rock.

March 31.—EVENING.

GREATER is he that is in you, than he that
is in the world.—1 John iv. 4.

Through seas of blood, and fields of death,
We march with dauntless courage on;
Immortal, till God takes our breath,
Immortal, till our work is done.

God, with all his glorious perfections, inhabits
every believer: we dwell in God, and
God dwells in us.

April 1.—MORNING.

THY Maker is thine husband ; The Lord of hosts is his name.—Isa. liv. 5.

He is of relatives a store,
A Friend to help in thrall,
Thy brother much, thy father more,
Thy husband most of all.

This relationship calls for confidence, dependence, love, and obedience: if God is our husband, all will be well.

April 1.—EVENING.

THOU standest by faith: be not high-minded, but fear.—Rom. xi. 20.

Trust the Lord in life and death,
Trust your all in Jesus' hand;
Trust him with your latest breath,
For by faith alone you stand.

True faith brings us to Christ, and keeps us with Christ; but an unbelieving heart departs from him.

April 2.—MORNING.

WHO remembered us in our low estate;
for his mercy endureth for ever.—Psalm
cxxxvi. 23.

He raised me from the lowest state,
When hell was my desert;
I broke his law, and, (worse than that),
Alas! I broke his heart.

Sin would have sunk us to the lowest hell,
but grace raises us to the highest heaven;
God's remembrance is deliverance.

April 2.—EVENING.

ALL things are for your sakes.—2 Cor.
iv. 15.

All things for our good are given,
Comforts, crosses, staffs, or rods:
All is ours, in earth and heaven,
We are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

In every purpose he formed, in every work
he wrought, in every circumstance he per-
mits, the Lord's eye is upon the good of
his people: all is for their good.

Milly Williams 1847

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April 3.—MORNING.

REJOICE, because your names are written
in heaven.—Luke x. 20.

Ne'er had you been convinced of sin,
Or sought the Saviour's love,
Unless your worthless names had been
Enroll'd to life above.

If God writes his law on our hearts, and we
strive to write it out in our lives, it is a
proof that our names are written in the
Lamb's book of life.

April 3.—EVENING.

WE walk by faith, not by sight.—2 Cor. v. 7.

O, may I learn, in every state,
To make his will my own;
And when the joys of sense depart,
To walk by faith alone.

Every step of our road is new to us, and we
know not what is before us; if we would
go forward comfortably, we must trust the
word of our God.

April 4.—MORNING.

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.—Matt. xvi. 24.

That we should bear the cross is his command,
Die to the world and live to self no more;
Suffer unmoved beneath the rudest hand,
As pleased when shipwrecked as when safe on shore.

Self-denial is the first Christian duty; Jesus *must* be Lord, he *will* be both imitated and obeyed.

April 4.—EVENING.

Who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good.—1 Pet. iii. 13.

Though I am weak, and Satan strong,
And often to assault me tries;
When Jesus is my shield and song,
Abashed the foe before me flies.

If we keep the eye on God's glory, and the heart in God's way, nothing in earth or hell can really injure us—we are absolutely safe.

April 5.—MORNING.

He hath done all things well.—Mark vii.
37.

How sovereign, wonderful, and free,
Is all his love to sinful me;
He plucked me as a brand from hell,
My Jesus hath done all things well.

The conduct of Jesus is always right; for
love, wisdom, and power regulate all his
actions.

April 5.—EVENING.

My righteous servant shall justify many;
for he shall bear their iniquities.—Isa.
liii. 11

God our sins imputes to him,
Imputes to us his righteousness
Guilty he doth Christ esteem,
And guiltless us confess.

Jesus, having performed the requirements
of the law in our stead, is said to justify
us; for we are pronounced just on account
of what he did.

April 6.—MORNING.

FROM the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.—Ps. lxi. 2.

When sorely afflicted and ready to faint,
Before my Redeemer I'll spread my complaint,
In every new trial, to him will I cry,
"Lead me to the rock that is higher than I."

Jesus is the rock on which we are safe, and where we may find supplies; to him let us repair in danger, and apply in want.

April 6.—EVENING.

LAY up for yourselves treasures in heaven.
—Matt. vi. 20.

With anxious cares let others press
To reach their worldly fate;
only for assurance wish
Of my celestial state.

The earthly mind only strives for earthly things, but the godly man has his hope, his heart, and his treasure in heaven.

April 7.—MORNING.

CAN two walk together, except they be agreed?—Amos. iii. 3.

O may my heart with thine agree,
Pursue thy glorious end; ,
Then shall I walk to heaven with thee,
My everlasting friend.

Reconciliation to God through the blood of Jesus, and sanctification by the Holy Spirit, are absolutely necessary to walking with God.

April 7.—EVENING.

FORGETTING those things that are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.—Phil. iii. 13.

Supported by thy changeless love,
I tend to realms of peace;
Where every sorrow shall remove,
And every sin shall cease.

What we have attained is as nothing in comparison with what is before us, therefore press forward.

April 8.—MORNING.

He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us.—Micah vii. 19.

Saviour, while after thee I mourn,
Thou wilt compassion show;
In mercy to my soul return,
And all my sins subdue.

Under all our changes, the Lord's heart remains unchanged; and when we are suitably affected with a sense of our sins, he will turn and manifest himself again.

April 8.—EVENING.

I AM troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long. Ps. xxxviii. 6.

When trials vex my doubting mind,
Jesus, to thee I'll flee;
No shelter can I elsewhere find,
No refuge but in thee.

If the eye is taken off Jesus we are soon in trouble, grief bows us down, all we can do is to mourn.

* April 9.—MORNING

THE Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.—Nah. i. 7.

We run in distress to Jesus our tower,
And trust in his grace, his truth, and his pow'r,
The weakest believer he knows and approves,
And saves us for ever, whom freely he loves.

The goodness of God shines forth conspicuously in our troubles and trials, and he always supports and delivers those who trust in him.

* April 9.—EVENING.

BE silent, O all flesh, before the Lord.—
Zech. ii. 13.

Then turn thee to thy rest, my soul,
And kiss the needful rod;
Nor seek thy Sov'reign to control,
But know that he is God.

We may always trust the Lord's wisdom, even when we do not see the design he has in view: he will make no mistake, nor shall his work contradict his word.

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April 10.—MORNING.

HE that toucheth you toucheth the apple
of his eye.—Zech. ii. 8.

If crush'd on earth the foot complain,
Feeling the injury,
The head above cries out in pain,
"Thou persecutest me."

The union between Jesus and his people is
so close, that his sympathy with them is
so tender, that in all their afflictions he is
afflicted.

April 10.—EVENING.

THOU hast played the harlot with many
lovers; yet return again to me, saith the
Lord.—Jer. iii. 1.

O wash me in the Saviour's blood;
Transform me by thy power;
And seal me thy lov'd abode,
And let me rove no more.

However basely we may have backslidden,
our God calls us to return, and promises to
receive us.

April 11.—MORNING.

LET your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.—Matt. v. 16.

The light in us must shine,
Thou, Lord, direct its rays,
So shall it show its source divine,
And glorify thy grace.

Conversation and conduct should agree;
that men may see that our principles produce our practice. L L

April 11.—EVENING.

THE things which are not seen are eternal.
—2 Cor. iv. 18.

Thanks for mercies past receive;
Pardon of my sins renew;
Teach me henceforth how to live
With eternity in view.

Every thing on earth is temporal, therefore of small importance; every thing in the other world is eternal, therefore of infinite moment. L L

April 12.—MORNING.

TRUST in him at all times; ye people, pour
out your heart before him.—Ps. lxi. 8.

Now let the people trust his name,
In every time his mercy claim;
Pour out your heart before his face,
Our refuge is the God of grace.

Our confidence in God should be constant,
and our prayers to God perpetual, so should
we enjoy his love.

April 12.—EVENING.

WHATSOEVER ye do in word or deed, do all
in the name of the Lord Jesus.—Col. iii. 17.

Be all my heart, be all my days,
Devoted to thy single praise!
And let my glad obedience prove
How much I owe, how much I love.

The authority of Christ should be our war-
rant in all we do, and his glory the end of
every word and action: this is practical
Christianity.

April 13.—MORNING.

Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these
three; but the greatest of these is charity.
—1 Cor. xiii. 13.

Faith the foundation sure remains,
The anchor, hope, our soul sustains,
But, rooted in thy grace, we prove,
The greatest of the three is love.

Faith believes God's word, hope expects
God's blessing, and love devotes us to the
Lord's glory. ✓✓

April 13.—EVENING.

O LORD, thou art our Father; we are the
clay, and thou our potter.—Isa. lxi. 8.

My potter from above,
Clay in thy hands I am;
Mould me into obedient love,
And stamp me with thy name. ✓

We are produced by the divine power,
moulded by the divine wisdom, and stamped
with the divine name, to reflect the divine
glory. ✓✓

April 14.—MORNING.

WHATSOEVER ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.—Matt. vii. 12.

Jesus, thy Spirit's power impart,
Write thy commandments on my heart,
And all my righteous life shall prove,
The perfect law fulfilled in love.

This precept must commend itself to every man's conscience; it is so simple, that we must understand it, and so just, that we must approve of it.

April 14.—EVENING.

THOU gavest also thy good Spirit to instruct them.—Neh. ix. 20.

Thy Spirit, O God, in me shed abroad;
And show me my interest in Jesus's blood;
Then, then shall I prove thy peace from above,
And fly to thy throne on the wings of thy love.

The Holy Spirit is a free gift, and he is bestowed by the Father in answer to prayer offered in the name of his Son.

April 15.—MORNING.

THINE eyes shall see the King in his beauty.
—Isa. xxxiii. 17.

I long to behold him arrayed
With glory and light from above;
The king in his beauty, displayed,
His beauty of holiest love.

Every Christian longs for a sight of the
Saviour, and God will satisfy every such
longing soul; Jesus will soon come to be
admitted by all them that believe.

April 15.—EVENING.

WEeping may endure for a night, but joy
cometh in the morning.—Ps. xli. 5.

Though we may delay to show us his light,
And we may endure for a night,
Yet joy in the morning will surely abound;
No shadow of turning in Jesus is found.

Present sorrows are to prepare us for future
joys; the night of weeping ushers in the
morning of gladness.

*Good W. H. H. 1846 hymn
Friend F. H. H. 1850 Nov 16*

April 16.—MORNING.

He is not ashamed to call them brethren.
—Heb. ii. 11.

We call him brother, and may claim
The sympathies of that dear name;
Our spirits, trembling, faint, and weak,
From him repose and rest may seek.

If Jesus is not ashamed to call such sinners
as we are brethren, let us be careful that
we are never ashamed to own that such a
Saviour is our Lord.

April 16.—EVENING.

God sent his only begotten Son into the
world, that we might live through him.—
1 John iv. 9.

Such was the pity of our God,
He loved the race of man so well,
He sent his Son to bear our load
Of sins, and save our souls from hell.

We should never lose sight of the great ob-
ject for which Christ came into our world,
namely, that we might have life and live
for ever.



April 17.—MORNING.

THOU shalt guide me with thy counsel, and
afterward receive me to glory.—Ps. lxxiii.

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God will for all my wants provide,
And save me for his mercy's sake;
Me by his counsel he will guide,
And afterwards to glory take.

If we are willing to be guided by the Lord's
counsel, we shall escape innumerable snares
and disappointments, and shall certainly
reach heaven at last. ✓✓

April 17.—EVENING.

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the
thing that is gone out of my lips.—Ps.
lxxxix. 34.

The Lord will scourge us if we stray,
And wound us with distress
But he will never take away
His covenant of peace.

What God hath spoken once stands for
ever; nothing can affect his purpose, or
change his mind: this is our security. ✓✓✓

April 18.—MORNING.

BLESSED is he, whosoever shall not be
offended in me.—Matt. xi. 6.

O may I never, never be
Offended at thy words or thee,
But steadily obedient, prove
The blessedness of simple love.

Strong love to Christ will enable us to bear
any thing for Christ, and to be pleased with
every thing in Christ. ✓✓✓

April 18.—EVENING.

WASH me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
—Ps. li. 7.

Wash me, and seal me for thine own;
Wash me, and mine thou art;
Wash me, but not my feet alone,
My hands, my head, my heart.

The blood of Jesus will eradicate the deepest
stains, and make the foulest sinner as spot-
less as an angel of light: its efficacy is in-
finite. ✓✓✓

April 19.—MORNING.

FEAR not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.—
Luke xii. 32.

Your Father will a kingdom give,
And give it with delight;
His feeblest child his love shall call
To triumph in his sight.

The Saviour's flock is his delight, for his people a kingdom is provided, and he will welcome them to it at last. ✓✓✓✓

April 19.—EVENING.

My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord.—Heb. xii. 5.

Had I but knowledge to discern
Thy wisdom, love, and power,
From every sorrow I should learn
To thank thee more and more.

Afflictions are chastisements, they are sent by a father, and are regulated by wisdom, pity, and love: to despise them, is to reflect on him. ✓✓✓✓

Tom Ward born 1837

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April 20.—MORNING.

**Bring my soul out of prison, that I may
praise thy name.—Ps. cxlii. 7.**

From bondage, guilt, and fear release,
My God, thy name to praise;
Then shall the righteous round me press,
And view and trust thy grace.

When guilt rests on the conscience, and
unbelief works in the soul, we feel as if en-
closed within prison walls, from which state
none but the Lord can deliver us. L L

April 20.—EVENING.

**THE Lord is the portion of mine inheritance
and of my cup.—Ps. xvi. 5.**

Thy gifts, O Lord, cannot suffice,
Unless thyself be given;
Thy presence makes my paradise;
Where'er thou art is heaven.

The soul that really knows God, can never
be satisfied with any thing short of God:
he is never at rest but as he can say, '*Thou
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April 21.—MORNING.

In the Lord put I my trust: how say ye to
my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain.

—Ps. xi. 1.

Thou mayest flee: he tells thee where
Tells thee to Jesus Christ to fly;
And while he sees thee trusting there,
There's only mercy in his eye.

Man says, "Flee to creatures, and seek safety
in them;" God says, "Flee to Jesus, and
thou art safe."

April 21.—EVENING.

TURN you to the strong hold, ye prisoners
of hope.—Zech. ix. 12.

O Jesus, to thee I turn me for aid,
Whose mercy for me atonement hath made;
Accept of me freely, thy love shed abroad,
And let me now feel thee my Saviour and God.

In every time of danger, in every season of
distress, let us turn to Jesus for safety, suc-
cour, and supply: he has them, and he will
bestow them.

April 22.—MORNING.

ONE shall say, I am the Lord's.—Isa. xlv. 5.

'Tis done, the great transaction's done;
I am the Lord's and he is mine;
He drew me, and I followed on,
Charm'd to confess the voice divine.

The moment of decision is the most important in a man's life, and is fraught with the greatest blessings; if we are indeed the Lord's, then all that he has is ours. L L L

April 22.—EVENING.

THAT we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.—Eph. i. 12.

What are my works but sin and death,
Till God his quickening Spirit breathe?
In nothing will I trust beside
The finish'd work of Him who died.

The Jews first trusted in Christ, and thus glorified God; we now do so, and thus bring honour to his name: fearing dishonours, trusting glorifies him. L L L

April 23.—MORNING.

AND he said, I beseech thee, show me thy glory.—Exod. xxxiii. 18.

May we behold thy glories shine,
With gentle beams of love divine;
And hear thy secret voice proclaim
The various wonders of thy name.

The glory of God shines forth in the person
and work of Jesus, and when the Holy Spirit
shines upon the soul, we behold the glory of
God in him.

April 23.—EVENING.

O KEEP my soul, and deliver me.—Ps. xiv.
20.

Keep me safe from all delusion,
Well protected from all harms,
Free from sin and all confusion,
Circle me within thy arms.

We need to be kept daily, yea hourly, for
we are liable to fall by every temptation;
let us daily cry, "*Lord keep me.*"

Lillie Fraser born - 1864

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April 24.—MORNING.

ALL manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men."—Matt. xii. 31.

Lord, I expect the promis'd grace,
And when thou hast forgiven,
Pardon shall lead to holiness,
And holiness to heaven.

No sin is too great for God to forgive; no stain is too deep for the blood of Jesus to remove, and no sinner is too vile for God to accept and bless.

April 24.—EVENING.

THAT in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us.—Eph. ii. 7.

'Twas grace that quickened me when dead;
'Twas grace my soul to Jesus led:
Grace brings a sense of pardon'd sin,
And grace subdues my lusts within.

The riches of grace exceed the powers of calculation; every act of kindness flows from grace.

April 25.—MORNING.

THE Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.—Deut. xxxii. 9.

That I am thine, my soul would boast,
And boast its claim to thee;
Nor shall God's property be lost,
Nor God be torn from me.

It is difficult to say which is the more wonderful—that God should be our portion, or take us to be his. ✓✓✓

April 25.—EVENING.

O LORD, how manifold are thy works: in wisdom hast thou made them all.—Ps. civ. 24.

In all our Maker's grand designs,
Omnipotence with wisdom shines;
His works through all this wondrous frame
Bear the great impress of his name.

The works of the Lord are to be studied and enjoyed, they are a glass in which he is to be seen. ✓✓✓

April 26.—MORNING.

A BRUISED reed shall he not break, and the
smoking flax shall he not quench.—Isa.
xlii. 3.

No, I find he never will,
(Jesus is a Saviour still;)
He who kindled my desire,
Will not let the spark expire.

No heart is so kind—no eye so penetrating
—no ear so quick—no hand so gentle—as
the heart, eye, ear, and hand of Jesus; here
is our comfort and security.

April 26.—EVENING.

THE Lord is good unto them that wait for
him, to the soul that seeketh him.—Lam.
iii. 25.

He listens to my low complaints,
Enlivens all my mourning days,
Revives my spirit when it faints,
And turns my faltering voice to praise.

The waiting soul often questions the Lord's
goodness to him, because he does not ap-
pear for him; but he is infinitely good not-
withstanding.

April 27.—MORNING.

DAVID encouraged himself in the Lord his God.—1 Sam. xxx. 6.

What though our mortal comforts fade,
And drop like withering flowers;
Nor time nor death can break that bond
Which makes Jehovah ours.

When all within us is dark, and all around
us is depressing, then is the time to turn
from everything to God, and seek happiness
only in him.

April 27.—EVENING.

YOUR Father knoweth what things ye have
need of before ye ask him.—Matt. vi. 8.

Our Father knows what's good and fit,
And wisdom guides his love:
To thine appointments we submit,
And ev'ry choice approve.

As the Lord knows what we need, he has
provided for those needs, and now says to
us, "Ask and receive."

April 28.—MORNING.

I WOULD have you without carefulness.—
1 Cor. vii. 32.

My cares, I give you to the wind,
And shake you off like dust.
Well may I trust my all with him,
With whom my soul I trust.

Confidence in God is the cure of care, and that we may have confidence in him, he has given us his word, his oath, and his only begotten Son.

April 28.—EVENING.

WHEREFORE doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?—Lam. iii. 39.

Whate'er thy sacred will ordains,
O give me strength to bear;
And let me know my Father reigns,
And trust his tender care.

As we have always more than we deserve, it can never be just in us to complain: we should rather be contented and thankful.

April 29.—MORNING.

WHO may abide the day of his coming?
and who shall stand when he appeareth?—
Mal. iii. 2.

The men who freely pardoned here,
On Jesus' death depend;
Shall boldly at the bar appear,
And find the Judge their Friend.

Jesus is coming; he is coming to separate
the sheep from the goats, his coming will be
awfully grand; are we prepared for it?

April 29.—EVENING.

THE Lord is nigh unto them that are of a
broken heart; and saveth such as be of a
contrite spirit.—Ps. xxxiv. 18.

To calm the sorrows of the mind,
Our heavenly Friend is nigh,
To wipe the anxious tear that starts,
Or trembles in the eye.

A sorrowful Christian should never feel
lonely, for with such God is especially
present.

April 30.—MORNING.

THERE remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.—Heb. iv. 9.

O, if I, as one forgiven,
Reach at last that happy shore;
How shall all the hosts of heaven
Shout, and wonder, and adore

Here we must labour, in heaven we shall rest; here we must suffer, there we shall be filled with joy; here we journey, there we shall enjoy repose.

April 30.—EVENING.

WHOM have I in heaven but thee; and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.—Ps. lxxiii. 25.

All my treasure is above,
All my riches is thy love,
Who the worth of love can tell
Infinite! unsearchable.

Happy is the soul that can honestly and thoughtfully use this language. Reader, can you?

May 1.—MORNING.

THOU shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins.—Matt. i. 21.

Jesus, in thy transporting name
What glories meet our eyes!
Thou art the angels' sweetest theme,
The wonder of the skies.

Jesus will not wear a name which he does not deserve; he is the Saviour, and he saves all who apply to him.

May 1.—EVENING.

THEY shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.—John x. 28.

Thou my fortress art and tower;
Having thee I want no more;
Strong in thy full strength I stand,
None can pluck me from thy hand.

Jesus is able to do what he has promised, and as he has pledged his word that his sheep shall not perish, he will doubtless keep them safe.

May 2.—MORNING.

SURELY goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life.—Ps. xxiii. 6.

Through all the winding maze of life,
His hand hath been my guide;
And in that long-experienced care,
My heart shall still confide.

The mercy of God will sympathise with us
in all our sorrows, and his goodness will
supply all our wants, until we reach his
holy habitation.

May 2.—EVENING.

THE works of the Lord are great, sought
out of all them that have pleasure therein.
—Ps. cxi. 2.

O! may my soul with rapture trace
Thy works of nature and of grace;
Explore thy sacred name, and still
Press on to know and do thy will!

The Christian should see God in every one
of his works, and have fellowship with him
through all he has wrought.

May 3.—MORNING.

WHAT is a man profited, if he shall gain
the whole world, and lose his own soul!—
Matt. xvi. 26.

If for a world a soul be lost,
Who can the loss supply?
More than a thousand worlds it cost,
One single soul to buy.

The care of the soul is our principal business, let us make sure work for eternity, nor rest satisfied short of well-grounded confidence.

May 3.—EVENING

It is good that a man should both hope
and quietly wait for the salvation of the
Lord.—Lam. iii. 26.

My God, my Father, be thy name
My solace, and my stay;
In mercy seal my humble claim,
And drive my fears away.

Hope and patience should be exercised by
us, when seeking deliverance from the
Lord's hand.

May 4.—MORNING.

THOU wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee.—Isa. xxvi. 3.

Happy the souls alone,
On thee securely stayed !
Nor shall they be in life alarmed,
Nor be in death dismayed.

Jehovah in Jesus is the support of our souls,
on him alone we should rely, so should we
enjoy perfect peace. L L L L

May 4.—EVENING.

THE desire of all nations shall come.—
Haggai ii. 7.

Yes, Jesus, thou art our desire,
In thee our wishes meet ;
Nor can the whole creation round
Afford a name so sweet.

Every thing desirable is in Jesus, he is all
we could wish him to be: as such may we
live upon him, and rejoice in him. L L L

May 5.—MORNING.

FEAR thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea I will help thee, yea I will uphold thee.—Isa. xli. 10. *13-18*

On this support my soul shall lean,
And banish every care;
The gloomy vale of death must smile,
If God be with me there.

God will be faithful to this promise to-day
and every day; let us therefore plead it,
and trust in it. *13-18*

May 5.—EVENING.

A MAN shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest.—Isa. xxxii. 2.

Save me from the furious blast,
A covert from the tempest be;
Hide me, Jesus, till o'erpast,
The storm of sin I see.

Jesus is our hiding place in every affliction,
our covert in every storm; in him we find
comfort and safety. *13-18*

May 6.—MORNING.

MARY sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.
—Luke x. 39.

O that I through faith may sit
With his beloved ones,
Happier at my Saviour's feet,
Than monarchs on their thrones.

The humble soul, who sits with attention
at the feet of Jesus, will learn his will, and
imbibe his spirit.

May 6.—EVENING.

THEN said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye
also go away?—John vi. 67.

To go away from thee!
What sin and folly worse?
Who from a smiling God would flee,
To meet a frowning curse?

Who has not been tempted to leave the
Saviour! and who has not been affected by
the question, "Will ye also go away?"

Step 7.—MORNING.

LET him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord.—Jer. ix. 24.

All else which I my treasure call,
May in one fatal moment fall;
But what his happiness can move,
Whom God, the blessed, deigns to love?

To know God aright is an unfailing source
of joy and peace; for all who know him
trust him, and find peace.

Step 7.—EVENING.

HE restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in
the paths of righteousness for his name's
sake.—Ps. xxiii. 3.

He brings my wandering spirit back,
When I forsake his ways;
And leads me, for his mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.

Every sheep in the Saviour's fold is prone
to wander, and incessantly needs his watch-
ful care and correction.

My Brother Miller's birthday 1825

May 8.—MORNING.

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken
me?—Matt. xxvii. 46.

Thou all my sin and curse hast took,
That I may blest and holy be;
Thou by thy Father art forsook,
That God may ne'er abandon me.

Marvellous was the experience of Jesus
when forsaken by his God; well can he
sympathise with us when suffering from
the hiding of our Father's face.

May 8.—EVENING.

THE gifts and calling of God are without
repentance.—Rom. xi. 29.

Lord, let not groundless fears destroy,
The mercies now possess'd:
I'll praise for blessings I enjoy,
And trust for all the rest.

Where the Lord gives grace he will give
glory, for he never changes his mind; if he
call us by his grace, he will conduct to his
glory.

May 9.—MORNING.

BEING justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.—Rom. iii. 24.

Jesus, how glorious is thy grace!
When in thy name we trust;
Our faith receives a righteousness
That makes the sinner just.

Justification flows from grace, and is by the imputation of the work of Jesus to us; on the ground of this, every believer is pronounced righteous. ✓✓✓

May 9.—EVENING.

BLESSED is the man that maketh the Lord his trust.—Ps. xl. 4

He will perform the work begun;
Jesus, the sinner's friend,
Jesus, the lover of his own,—
Will love me to the end.

We may trust the Lord for all he has promised, and his promises embrace all we can need in time and eternity: he that trusteth in the Lord shall be safe. ✓✓✓

May 10.—MORNING.

DID not our heart burn within us, while
he talked with us by the way.—Luke xxiv.
32.

He came from heaven to kindle fire,
In earthly hearts like mine;
Now, Lord, the flame of love inspire,
Which may for ever shine.

Fellowship with Jesus will soften the heart,
inflame the affections, awaken holy desires,
and impart solid joy. *66*

May 10.—EVENING.

He that humbleth himself shall be exalted.
—Luke xiv. 11.

Is not haughtiness of heart
The gulf between my God and me?
Meek Redeemer, now impart
Thine own humility.

Let us reflect upon our origin, our conduct,
and our desert; let us visit Gethsemane
and Calvary, and so become truly humble. *63 64*

May 11.—MORNING.

He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me hath everlasting life.—
John v. 24.

Blest with the faith that works by love,
Blest with eternal life thou art;
Thou hast the life of those above,
The seed of glory in thy heart.

Faith is the root of every Christian grace,
and the germ of eternal life; he that believes in Jesus lives to God.

May 11.—EVENING.

If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons.—Heb. xii. 7.

Did I meet no trials here,
No chastisements by the way;
Might I not with reason fear,
I should prove a cast-away.

Every child of God needs chastening, and every one receives it: nothing but discipline will produce obedience and submission.

May 12.—MORNING.

YET will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.—Hab. iii. 18.

God is the treasure of my soul,
A source of sacred joy;
Which no afflictions can control,
Nor death itself destroy.

Christians should not be too much affected by second causes, but should live by faith in God, who is the great first cause of all things.

May 12.—EVENING.

IN God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid of what man can do unto me.—Ps. lvi. 11.

No longer let me be afraid,
The promise shall take place:
His strength's in weakness perfect made;
Sufficient is his grace.

He that trusteth in God need not be afraid of any one, or any thing, for omnipotence is his friend and defender.

May 13.—MORNING.

I WILL also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord.—Zeph. iii. 12.

Poor and afflicted though we are,
In thy strong name we trust;
And bless the hand of sovereign love,
Which lifts us from the dust.

Our circumstances are not the effect of chance, but the result of arrangement, and are the best for us.

May 13.—EVENING.

WHOEVER doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.—Luke xiv. 27.

For ever here my rest shall be,
Close to thy bleeding side;
This all my hope and all my plea,
For me the Saviour died.

He that rests upon Jesus for acceptance with God, will bear the cross after him in the path of duty: faith always produces obedience.

Step 14.—MORNING.

MAKE thy face to shine upon thy servant:
save me for thy mercies' sake.—Pa. xxxi. 16.

One ray of light and comfort dart,
One spark of faith into my heart:
And let me feel thy sprinkled blood,
And see thee now, my Lord, my God.

When we can discover no good thing in
ourselves, we ought to look up and ask
every good thing of God.

Step 14.—EVENING.

THE Lord also will be a refuge for the op-
pressed, a refuge in times of trouble.—Pa.
ix. 9.

Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on thee:
Leave, ah, leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me!

When sin, Satan, and the world, oppress us,
Jesus is a refuge for us; and in him we
shall find solace and relief.



May 15.—MORNING.

I HAVE given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.—John xiii. 15.

Thou hast a lovely one indeed,
A perfect pattern given;
Oh give us in thy steps to tread,
And bear our cross to heaven.

If Christ is our pattern, our lives will be both ornamental and useful; let us daily strive to imitate him.

May 15.—EVENING.

WHO was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.—Rom. iv. 25.

When from the dust of death I rise,
To take my mansion in the skies,
Ev'n then shall this be all my plea,
"Jesus hath lived and died for me."

As our substitute Jesus was delivered to make satisfaction; as our surety he was raised from the dead, having paid the debt.

Step 16.—MORNING.

SON, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.—Matt. ix. 2.

My Saviour, let me hear thy voice,
Pronounce these words of peace;
And all my warmest powers shall join
To celebrate thy grace.

A sense of the pardon of sin is one of the most powerful antidotes to the miseries of human life, and should be earnestly sought until enjoyed. *lll*

Step 16.—EVENING.

HAVING food and raiment, let us be therewith content.—1 Tim. vi. 8.

Give me a calm, a thankful heart,
From every murmur free;
The blessings of thy grace impart,
And make me live to thee.

We have always more than we deserve, and as much as we really want, therefore we ought to be contented. *lll time*

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May 17.—MORNING.

He is the rock, his work is perfect; for all
his ways are judgment; a God of truth
and without iniquity, just and right is he.

—Deut. xxxii. 4.

He is the rock on whom we rest,

And firm on that foundation stand!

Divine compassion fills his breast—

His word is sure, and strong his hand.

Our God is a rock, on which we may rest,
and a fountain, from which we may always
obtain supplies.

May 17.—EVENING.

As many as are led by the Spirit of God,
they are the sons of God.—Rom. viii. 14.

Lead me to God, my final rest,

In his enjoyment to be blest:

• Lead me to heaven, the seat of bliss,

Where pleasure in perfection is.

The Spirit leads from self, to Jesus; from
sin, to holiness; from earth, to heaven; if
we are led by the Spirit, our sonship is un-
questionable.

dear Frank Eratt. died the 12 of
April 1897

May 18.—MORNING.

O MY Father, if this cup may not pass away
from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

—Matt. xxvi. 42.

Thus my submissive soul would bow,
And, taught by Jesus, lie as low;
My heart, and not my lips alone,
Would say, Thy will, not mine, be done.

What a lovely example of submission to
his Father's will, even in the most dis-
tressing circumstances.

May 18.—EVENING.

A NEW heart also will I give you, and a new
spirit will I put within you.—Ezek. xxxvi.
26.

Give me a heart resign'd and meek,
My dear Redeemer's throne;
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone.

No promise is more suited to a sinner than
this, and no one should be more frequently
or urgently pleaded.

May 19.—MORNING.

CHRIST JESUS, of God, is made unto us
wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctifica-
tion, and redemption.—1 Cor. i. 30.

A guilty, weak, and helpless worm,
On thy kind arms I fall;
Be thou my strength and righteousness,
My Jesus and my all.

Everything we need is in Jesus, and in
Jesus for us; let us, therefore, look away
from self to him.

May 19.—EVENING.

WE also joy in God, through our Lord
Jesus Christ, by whom we have now re-
ceived the atonement.—Rom. v. 11.

Who in heart on thee believes,
He the atonement now receives;
He with joy beholds thy face,
Triumphs in thy pard'ning grace.

Jesus made the atonement when he died;
the gospel presents it to us, and faith re-
ceives and rests upon it.

May 20.—MORNING.

I AM come that they might have life, and
that they might have it more abundantly.

—John x. 10.

The Shepherd's blood the sheep must heal,
O may we all its influence feel !
Till inward deep experience show, !
Christ can begin a heaven below.

There is life in Christ for every willing
soul, abundance of life ; to him let us repair
for the life we need.

May 20.—EVENING.

COME now and let us reason together, saith
the Lord.—Isa. i. 18.

Arise my soul from deep distress,
And banish every fear ;
He calls thee to his throne of grace,
To spread thy sorrows there.

In the gospel, God reasons with us ; in
prayer, we reason with him : sweet view of
prayer this—it is reasoning with God.

Step 21.—MORNING.

AND Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.—Gen. xxii. 14.

The saints should never be dismayed,
Nor sink in hopeless fear;
For when they least expect his aid,
The Saviour will appear.

When our wants are greatest, God is nearest;
the time of our extremity is God's opportunity.

Step 21.—EVENING.

BEHOLD, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.—Ps. cxxi. 4.

Be my guide in every peril,
Watch the hourly night and day;
Else my foolish heart will wander,
From thy Spirit far away.

The Lord will trust no one to keep his people but himself, he loves them too well to leave them in any hands but his own.

May 22.—MORNING.

TURN us again, O God of hosts, and cause
thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.—

Ps. lxxx. 7.

Thou hast helped in every need,
This emboldens me to plead;
After so much mercy past,
Canst thou let me sink at last?

We daily need the renewing of the Holy
Ghost, let us then seek and expect it.

May 22.—EVENING.

SHALL we continue in sin; that grace may
abound?—Rom. vi. 1.

Lord, let me not thy grace abuse,
And sin because thou'rt good:
But fill my inmost soul with shame,
That I thy love withstood.

If grace has abounded in our experience,
we shall tremble at the idea of indulging
in sin; grace always sets the heart against
sin.

May 23.—MORNING.

AND when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter.—Exod. xv. 23.

The cross on which the Saviour died,
And conquer'd for his saints;
This is the tree by faith applied,
Which sweetens all complaints.

Creatures often raise our expectations only to disappoint them; but sanctified trials prove real blessings.

May 23.—EVENING.

THOU hast destroyed thyself; but in me is help.—Hos. xiii. 9.

Jesus, in whom the Godhead's rays
Beam forth in mildest majesty,
I see thee full of truth and grace,
And come for all I want to thee.

Destruction and misery originates with ourselves; salvation and happiness flows from God alone.

May 24.—MORNING.

THE righteous cry, and the Lord heareth,
and delivereth them out of all their troubles.—Ps. xxxiv. 17.

Afflictions made them love the word,
Stir up their hearts to pray'r;
And many precious proofs afford
Of their Redeemer's care.

Prosperity often generates indifference, but
afflictions stir us up to seek the Lord with
full purpose of heart.

May 24.—EVENING.

OUR help is in the name of the Lord, who
made heaven and earth.—Ps. cxxiv. 8.

If rough and thorny be my way,
My strength proportion to my day;
Till toil, and grief, and pain, shall cease,
Where all is rest, and joy, and peace.

The omnipotent Creator is our help, he is
engaged by promise to help and deliver us:
to him let us look in weakness and fear.

Step 25.—MORNING.

I WILL come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also.—John xiv. 3.

Depending on their faithful Lord,
To come again and fetch his bride;
Millions have lived upon this word,
And for this heavenly promise died.

Jesus never forgets or loses sight of us for one moment, and he will very soon come and fetch us to be with him for ever. L L L

Step 25.—EVENING.

THE Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.—Rom. viii. 16.

Assure my conscience of her part
In the Redeemer's blood;
And bear thy witness with my heart,
That I am born of God.

The Spirit witnesses with the word, and satisfies the soul of its adoption, regeneration, and salvation. L L L

Step 26.—MORNING.

AND Nathan said to David, Thou art the man.—2 Sam. xii. 7.

Let those who think they stand beware,
For David stood before;
Nor let the fallen soul despair,
For mercy can restore.

Sin deceives us, and then hardens us; but
grace teaches, humbles, and then restores
us; let us beware of sin, and daily cry for
grace. L L L

Step 26.—EVENING.

BEING made free from sin, ye became the
servants of righteousness.—Rom. vi. 18.

On me, my King, exert thy power,
Make old things pass away,
Transform, and draw my soul to thee
Still nearer every day.

If we are justified and freed from the charge
of sin, we are delivered from the love and
power of sin. L L L

May 27.—MORNING.

God said, Ask what I shall give thee.—
1 Kings iii. 5.

More of thy presence, Lord, impart;
More of thy image let me bear;
Erect thy throne within my heart,
And reign without a rival there.

Prayer is asking of God to give us what he
has promised, and he has promised to give
us all that we need. 11111

May 27.—EVENING.

The love of Christ constraineth us.—2 Cor.
v. 14.

When shall thy love constrain
This heart thine own to be?
When shall the wounded spirit gain
A healing rest in thee?

The love of Christ shed abroad in the heart
is the root of holy obedience, and the prin-
ciple that purifies the whole person. 11111

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Sept 28.—MORNING.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them,
and they follow me.—John x. 27.

I follow where my Shepherd leads,
And mark the path he drew;
My Shepherd's feet mount Zion treads,
And I shall reach it too.

Jesus speaks in his word, he speaks to his
people, the Holy Spirit opens their ears,
they hear him, approve of what he says,
and obey him.

Sept 28.—EVENING.

He humbled himself, and became obedient
unto death, even the death of the cross.—
Phil ii. 8.

My worthless heart to gain,
The God who gave me breath,
Was found in fashion as a man,
And died a cursed death.

Here is our example, humility and obe-
dience should always be our aim; and
these not only continued, but increased
until death.

May 29.—MORNING.

AND the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.
—1. Kings xvii. 6.

More likely to rob than to feed,
Were ravens who live upon prey;
But when the Lord's people have need,
His goodness will find out a way.

All creatures are under the Lord's control and direction, and he uses the whole of them for his people's good.

May 29.—EVENING.

I EXERCISE myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.—Acts xxiv. 16.

I want a principle within
Of jealous godly fear;
A tender sense of rising sin,
A pain to feel it near.

A tender conscience is an invaluable blessing; wherever it is, there is a fear of offending either God or good men.

Map 30.—MORNING.

WHAT I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter.—John xiii. 7.

Jesus, we own thy sovereign hand,
Thy faithful care we own;
Wisdom and love are all thy ways,
When most to us unknown.

It is the business of faith to believe God's word; and of patience to wait God's time.

Map 30.—EVENING.

THE Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.—Ps. cxlv. 18.

Jesus, thou didst shed thy blood;
On this rock our hope we raise;
Thou hast brought us nigh to God;
Thine the work and thine the praise.

Faith and prayer brings God and the soul together, and thus friendship is realised, and intimacy commences.

May 31.—MORNING.

BLESSED are the poor in spirit ; for theirs
is the kingdom of heaven.—Matt. v. 3.

In vain the sons of wealth and pride,
Despise your lot, your hopes deride ;
In vain they boast their little stores,
Trifles are *theirs*, a kingdom *yours*.

No one knows his poverty until he is
enlightened by the Holy Spirit ; but all
the truly poor are willing to be served in
God's way.

May 31.—EVENING.

OH, do not this abominable thing that I
hate.—Jer. xlv. 4.

May I from every sin,
As from a serpent, fly ;
Abhor to touch the thing unclean,
And rather choose to die.

The sin of the saint touches the heart of
God ; nothing affects him like it, therefore
he speaks so strongly and so tenderly about
it.

June 1.—MORNING.

It pleased the Father, that in him should
all fulness dwell.—Col. i. 19.

Let *me* now, O Lord, receive
All thou dost to sinners give;
All thou hast, and all thou art,
Dwell for ever in my heart.

Every comfort we can need in time, and
every blessing we can enjoy in eternity, is
in Jesus; let us therefore look to him for
all in life and in death.

June 1.—EVENING.

BEHOLD, I have given him for a leader and
commander to the people.—Isa. lv. 4.

Behold! he leads the way:
We'll follow where he goes:
We cannot fail to win the day,
Since he subdues our foes.

If Jesus is our leader, we should carefully
follow him; if he is our commander, we
should cheerfully obey him.

June 2.—MORNING.

TRUST ye in the Lord for ever: for in the
Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.—
Isa. xxvi. 4.

How safe and how happy are they
Who on the good Shepherd rely;
He gives them out strength for the day,
Their wants he will surely supply.

Creatures are shifting and changeable, and
therefore not to be trusted at any time;
but God is immutable, and therefore to be
trusted at all times.

June 2.—EVENING.

WHEN wilt thou comfort me?—Pa. cxix. 82.

Lord, let me hear thy pard'ning voice,
And make my troubled soul rejoice!
Then all my powers shall join to bless
The Lord, my strength and righteousness.

We are sometimes more concerned to be
comforted than sanctified, and then it is no
wonder if the Lord refuse to comfort us:
this is the will of God, even our sanctifi-
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June 8.—MORNING.

Be still and know that I am God; I will
be exalted among the heathen.—Pa. xlv.
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To thee we yield our comforts up,
To thee our lives resign;
In straits and dangers rich and safe,
If we and ours are thine.

Under some dispensations we must be
dumb, silently adoring the Divine sove-
reignty.

June 8.—EVENING.

THE law of thy mouth is better unto me
than thousands of gold and silver.—Pa.
cxix. 72.

O may the least omission pain,
My well-instructed soul,
And drive me to thy blood again,
Which makes the wounded whole.

He that thus values God's word, can never
be poor; nor will he ever want for com-
fort in the day of trouble.

JUNE 4.—EVENING.

If ye love me, keep my commandments.—
John xiv. 15.

Strangers to thy love are they
Who call it bondage to obey;
Be it my delight to prove,
Obedience is the truth of love.

Spiritual love always produces a practical
conformity to the Lord's precepts; he that
does not obey the Saviour does not love
him; the friends of Jesus do whatsoever
he commands them.

June 4.—EVENING.

ALL men forsook me; notwithstanding the
Lord stood with me.—2 Tim. iv. 16, 17.

Friends may fail, but he will take you,
And supply your utmost need;
Nor will Jesus e'er forsake you,
But in paths of asf lead.

Creatures generally fail us when we need
them most; but when they fail, the Lord
steps in, and displays his power and love.

June 5.—MORNING.

HAVING therefore obtained help of God, I
continue unto this day.—Acts xxvi. 22.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

Nothing could have kept us but grace, and
the grace that has hitherto kept, will keep
us unto the end.

June 5.—EVENING.

If we suffer we shall also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us.—
2 Tim. ii. 12.

Lord, we expect to suffer here,
Nor would we dare repine;
But give us still to find thee near,
And own us still for thine.

If we prefer suffering to sin, we may justly
look forward and expect to be crowned
with glory.

June 6.—MORNING.

I AM the Lord, I change not; therefore ye
sons of Jacob are not consumed.—Mal.
iii. 6.

Crosses and changes are their lot,
Long as they sojourn here;
But since their Saviour changes not,
What have the saints to fear?

What the Lord was to his saints of old, he
is to us; and what he is to us at this mo-
ment, he ever will be. L L

June 6.—EVENING.

It is an evil thing and bitter, that thou
hast forsaken the Lord thy God.—Jer. ii. 19.

From thee that I no more may part,
No more thy goodness grieve,
The filial awe, the holy heart,
The tender conscience give.

To forsake God is the worst thing we can
do, nothing but sorrow, trouble, and bitter
remorse can result from it. L L L

June 7.—MORNING.

HE led them forth by the right way, that
they might go to a city of habitation.—
Ps. cvii. 7.

They often murmured by the way,
Because they judged by sight;
But were at length constrained to say,
The Lord hath led them right.

The Lord's way is often rough, but it is al-
ways right; there is but one right way, and
that is it by which the Lord is leading us.

June 7.—EVENING.

I WILL guide thee with mine eye.—Ps.
xxxii. 8.

Are we blind and prone to error?
God vouchsafes to be our guide;
Are we faint and full of sorrow?
He himself is on our side.

In all times of difficulty and perplexity, in
all seasons of trouble and distress, let us
believe and plead this precious promise.

June 8.—MORNING.

LORD, what wilt thou have me to do?—
Acts ix. 6.

I would not see, but in thy light;
I would not walk, but in thy might;
Or work a work, or speak a word,
Or think a thought, without my Lord.

The Lord would have us believe in his Son,
rest on his faithful promise, and walk by
his holy precepts; this is the will of God
concerning us.

June 8.—EVENING.

WATCH and pray, that ye enter not into
temptation.—Matt. xxvi. 41.

Whene'er temptations fright my heart,
Or lure my feet aside,
My God, thy powerful aid impart,
My guardian and my guide.

We are always exposed to temptation from
Satan, the world, and our own lusts; con-
sequently we should always watch and
pray.

June 9.—MORNING.

As the Father hath loved me, so have I
loved you: continue ye in my love.—John
xv. 9.

So sure, so constant, and so strong,
Do his endearments prove,
O may their energy prevail
To fix us in his love.

As the Father cannot love Jesus more than
he does, Jesus cannot love us more than he
does; this should fix our hearts and our
thoughts on him.

June 9.—EVENING.

I WILL instruct thee and teach thee in the
way in which thou shalt go.—Ps. xxxiii. 8.

With confidence I seek thy face;
Thy gracious promise, Lord, fulfil;
And grant me light, and grant me grace,
To know and do thy perfect will.

Nature is prone to choose and prefer the
wrong way; divine teaching is necessary to
lead and keep us right.

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June 10.—MORNING.

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the
ends of the earth; for I am God.—Isa. xlv.
22.

Though your heart has long been harden'd,
Look on me, it soft shall grow;
Past transgressions shall be pardon'd,
And I'll wash you white as snow.

By looking on the forbidden fruit our first
parents fell, and by looking to the Lord
Jesus, the tree of life, we rise and live for
ever.

June 10.—EVENING.

TAKE heed, brethren, lest there be in any
of you an evil heart of unbelief.—Heb.
iii. 12.

Lord, with this guilty heart of mine,
To thy dear cross I flee,
And to thy grace my soul resign,
To be renewed by thee.

Faith leads us to God, unbelief leads us
from him; faith gives us confidence, unbe-
lief fills us with doubt.

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June 11.—MORNING.

THEY that be whole need not a physician.
—Matt. ix. 12.

Lord, I am sick, regard my cry,
And set my spirit free;
Say, canst thou let a sinner die,
Who longs to live to thee?

The very things that deject and distress us
are the things that fit us for the Saviour;
if we were not sinners we should not need
the Saviour.

June 11.—EVENING.

**CREATE in me a clean heart, O God; and
renew a right spirit within me.—Ps. li. 10.**

Do thou my sins subdue,
Thy sov'reign love make known;
The spirit of my mind renew,
And save me in thy Son.

Only the Lord can make our filthy hearts
clean, only the renewings of the Holy
Ghost can make and keep us what we
should be.

June 12.—MORNING.

CALL unto me, and I will answer thee; and
show thee great and mighty things that
thou knowest not.—Jer. xxxiii. 3.

Fear thou not, distress'd believer,
Venture on his mighty name;
He is able to deliver,
And his love is still the same.

In every place the throne of grace is near,
at all times God is accessible to us, and
every trouble furnishes us with a message
to him.

June 12.—EVENING.

WHAT is your life? It is even a vapour.
—James iv. 14.

My days are shorter than a span;
A little point my life appears;
How frail, at best, is dying man!
How vain are all his hopes and fears.

We are not sufficiently affected with the
brevity of life, if we were, our thoughts,
desires, and hopes would be more taken up
with eternal things.

Arthur T. W. Williams's history
June 1837

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June 13.—MORNING.

THIS mystery, which is Christ in you, the
hope of glory.—Col. i. 27.

Jesus, to me the secret tell,
Thyself, the gift unspeakable,
The hope of heavenly bliss impart,
The glorious earnest in my heart.

Christ living in us, is the source of our
sanctification; if he pleads for us in heaven,
he will dwell in us on earth.

June 13.—EVENING.

HE shall come to be glorified in his saints,
and to be admired in all them that believe.
—2 Thess. i. 10.

O glorious hour! O blest abode!
I shall be near and like my God!
And flesh and sin no more control
The sacred pleasures of the soul.

When Jesus comes his people will be col-
lected, perfected, and glorified; each will
resemble him, and reflect his glory for
ever.

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June 14.—MORNING.

God, who commanded the light to shine
out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts.
—2 Cor. iv. 6.

Shine, mighty God, with vigour shine,
On this benighted heart of mine;
And let thy glories stand revealed,
As in the Saviour's face beheld.

Real religion always begins with God, his
communications produce our aspirations;
we never pray until he has quickened.

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June 14.—EVENING.

WORSHIP the Lord in the beauty of holi-
ness.—1 Chron. xvi. 29.

The deepest reverence of the mind,
Pay, O my soul, to God;
Lift with thy hands a holy heart
To his sublime abode.

Holiness is the beauty of an intelligent
being, it is the beauty of the Most High,
and the beauty of every believer.

June 15.—MORNING.

Is the Lord's hand waxed short?—Num.
xi. 23.

How often has he brought relief,
And every want supplied;
Yet soon again our unbelief
Says, "Can the Lord provide?"

Nothing dishonours God more than our
doubts; and yet we are so frequently
doubting, it is to be feared that we do not
realise it as a sin.

June 15.—EVENING.

WHEN he is tried, he shall receive the
crown of life.—James i. 12.

Then why, my soul, complain or fear?
The crown of glory see!
The more I toil and suffer here,
The sweeter rest will be.

The present is the time of toil and trial,
the time of rest and triumph is before us,
let us look forward whenever depressed.

June 16.—MORNING.

WHICH hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast.—Heb. vi. 19.

Steadfast and sure, it cannot fail,
It enters deep within the veil,
It fastens on a land unknown,
And moors me to my Father's throne.

Faith has most to do with the promise in God's word, but hope with the blessing in God's hand ; it is expecting from God what he has promised.

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June 16.—EVENING.

Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders.—Exod. xv. 11.

Who can behold the blazing light?
Who can approach consuming flame?
None but thy wisdom knows thy might,
None but thy word can speak thy name.

Our God is incomparable ; and the more we contemplate his glories, the more humble, resigned, and devoted we shall be.

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June 17.—MORNING.

MARY hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.—Luke x. 42.

Let grov'ling hearts the world admire,
Thy love is all that I require,
Gladly I may all else resign,
If the one needful thing be mine.

The choice shows the state of the heart:
if the heart is right, fellowship with Jesus
is valued and sought.

June 17.—EVENING.

FORBEARING one another, and forgiving
one another.—Col. iii. 13.

I hope for pardon through thy Son,
For all the crimes which I have done;
O may the grace that pardons me,
Constrain me to forgive like thee.

In our present imperfect state, we must
daily bear and forbear with each other,
and forgive as we hope to be forgiven.

June 18.—MORNING.

I ~~am~~ crucified with Christ : nevertheless I
live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.—
Gal. ii. 20.

Be dead, my heart, to wordly charms,
Be dead to every sin :
And tell the boldest foes without,
That Jesus reigns within.

Realising union to Jesus, we perceive that
we are interested in all that he did ; and
we find that he liveth in us as our life and
hope.

June 18.—EVENING.

THE Lord shall deliver me from every evil
work, and will preserve me unto his hea-
venly kingdom.—2 Tim. iv. 18.

Jesus the Lord shall guard me safe
From every ill design :
And to his heavenly kingdom keep
This feeble soul of mine.

We were preserved in Christ, and are pre-
served by Christ, we shall be preserved for
Christ.

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June 19.—MORNING.

THE end of all things is at hand : be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.—

1 Pet. iv. 7.

Ah, give me, Lord, the sober mind,
The heaven-insuring care ;
So shall I pass the days behind,
In watchfulness and prayer.

Death will shortly remove us from this world ; therefore sobriety and prayer should characterise us.

June 19.—EVENING.

FOR the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.—Gal. v. 17.

How long, dear Saviour, shall I feel
These struggles in my breast ?
When wilt thou bow my stubborn will,
And give my conscience rest ?

Every Christian has two distinct and opposite principles within him ; and these are always in a state of conflict.

June 20.—MORNING.

Ho! every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye.—Isa. lv. 1.

'Tis thus the Lord his love reveals,
To call poor sinners home;
More than a Father's love he feels,
And welcomes all that come.

The fulness of Jesus is thrown open to us to-day; let us accept the invitation, apply for the blessings, and be happy.

June 20.—EVENING.

CONSIDER him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself.—Heb. xii. 3.

My soul rejoices to pursue
The steps of Him I love;
Till glory breaks upon my view,
In brighter worlds above.

Our thoughts should be daily directed to Jesus, and we should dwell upon all he said, and did, and suffered for us.

June 21.—MORNING.

THE Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.—Ps. xxix. 11.

His nature, truth, and love,
Engage him on their side;
When they are grieved, his bowels move,
And can they be denied?

Our wants appeal to the Lord's benevolence, and, as a Father, he gives us whatever we ask of him in faith.

June 21.—EVENING.

THY word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.—Ps. cxix. 105.

O may these heavenly pages be
My ever dear delight;
And still new beauties may I see,
And still increasing light!

The word of God is for *daily* use, but in seasons of darkness and sorrow we learn its value, and prize its contents.

June 22.—MORNING.

I HAVE prayed for thee, that thy faith fail
not.—Luke xxii. 32.

Our Jesus lives to intercede,
That faith may still prevail;
He will support us in our need,
And Satan's power will fail.

Faith is the object of Satan's especial hatred, he tries by all means to weaken and shake it; but our Lord keeps his eye upon it, and will preserve it.

June 22.—EVENING.

He will magnify the law, and make it honourable.—Isa. xlii. 21.

Here I behold thy wonders, Lord!
How Christ hath, to thy law, restored
Those honours, on th' atoning day,
Which guilty sinners took away.

The subjection of God incarnate to the law, and the obedience he rendered to it, exalts and throws an endless lustre around it.

JUNE 23.—MORNING.

THEY that trust in the Lord shall be as
Mount Zion, which cannot be removed.—
Ps. cxiv. 1.

Thus they who in the Lord confide,
Though foes assault on every side,
Cannot be mov'd or overthrown,
For Jesus makes their cause his own.

When we feel weak as a bruised reed and
like the feather exposed to the winds,
trusting to Jesus, we are stable as the
mountains, and safe as the rock.

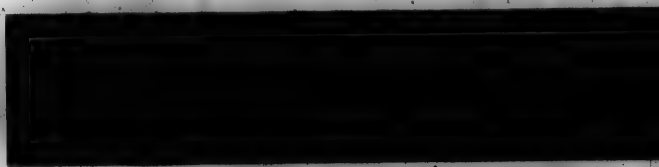
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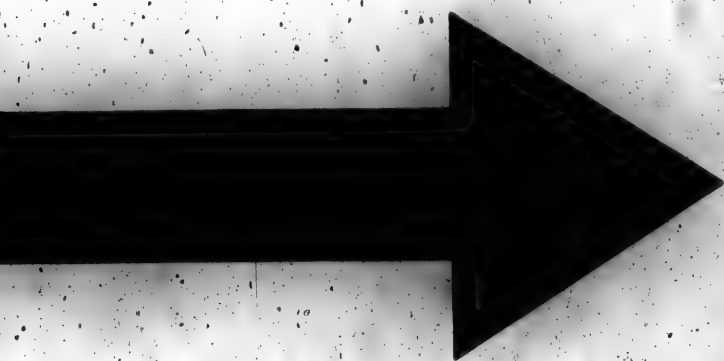
FATHER, forgive them; for they know not
what they do.—Luke xxiii. 34.

Hark, how he prays! (the charming sound
Dwells on his dying lips,) 'Forgive!'
And every groan and gaping wound
Cries, 'Father, let the rebels live!'

If Jesus prayed for his enemies when they
were putting him to death, much more
will he plead for us who are seeking to
promote his glory.

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June 24.—MORNING.

WHOSOEVER shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.—Rom. x. 13.

Jesus rescues Satan's slaves;
His dear wounds still plead, "Forgive."
Jesus to the utmost saves;
Look to him, my soul, and live.

Faith in the gospel always produces prayer
—prayer appealing to God's mercy always
brings salvation.

June 24.—EVENING.

HE is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him.—Heb. vii. 25.

Our Jesus saves from sin and hell;
His words are true and sure,
And on this rock our faith may rest
Immovably secure.

If we come to God by works, we cannot be accepted; but if we come to him by Jesus, we shall be saved.

Mary Anne Mearns

June 25.—MORNING.

If ye be reproached for the name of Christ,
happy are ye.—1 Pet. iv. 14.

Slandered in the cause of Jesus,
When we suffer for his name;
Jesus then delights to bless us,
Jesus dignifies our shame.

If impropriety of conduct brings reproach
upon us, we ought to be deeply humbled;
but if our devotedness to the Saviour does,
we should rejoice.

June 25.—EVENING.

THE mercy of the Lord is from everlasting
to everlasting upon them that fear him.—
Ps. ciii. 17.

His sovereign mercy knows no end,
His faithfulness shall still endure;
And those who on his word depend
Shall find his word of promise sure.

Sovereign mercy is the fountain from which
all our comforts flow, and to mercy we
should ascribe every privilege we enjoy.

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June 26.—MORNING.

HEREBY we know that he abideth in us, by the spirit which he hath given us.—1 John iii. 24.

O let us in this knowledge grow,
Hold fast the earnest given,
Till Jesus will himself bestow
The ripest joys of heaven.

The Spirit of God is in every believer as the spirit of faith, love, and holiness: this is the proof that we are the Lord's, that he is ours.

June 26.—EVENING.

I HAVE called you friends; for all things that I heard of my Father I have made known unto you.—John xv. 15.

He calls a worm his friend,
He calls himself my God!
And he shall save me to the end,
Through his own blood.

To be the friend of Jesus is the highest honour we can enjoy, and yet poor and depraved as we are, this honour is ours.

June 27.—MORNING

IN Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.—Eph. ii. 13.

Draw me, O Lord, with quickening grace,
And bring me yet more near;
Here may I see thy glories shine,
And taste thy mercies here.

If we know anything of nearness to God, we sigh for greater nearness, and daily mourn over our distance from him.

June 27.—EVENING.

THE word of our God shall stand for ever.—Isa. xl. 8.

May this blest volume ever lie
Close to my heart, and near my eye,
Till life's last hour my soul engage,
And be my chosen heritage!

The word of God is like his nature, unchangeable, we cannot believe it too confidently nor trust it too firmly.

Emily Wallisens, she died in

June 28.—MORNING.

REDEEMING the time, because the days are evil.—Ephes. v. 16.

Great source of wisdom, teach my heart
To know the price of every hour;
That time may bear me on to joys,
Beyond its measure and its power.

He that knows the value of time will improve it, and will zealously buy up all opportunities of usefulness which offer; evil times loudly call upon us to do good.

June 28.—EVENING.

THE Lord will perfect that which concerneth me.—Ps. cxxxviii. 8.

The Christian is always dependant on his God, and the more he is sanctified, the more he feels his dependence and prays for divine keeping.

June 29.—MORNING.

WHY are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?—
Matt. viii. 26.

Our passage lies across the brink
Of many a threatening wave;
The world expects to see us sink,
But Jesus lives to save.

Dangers are to try our faith, to stir us up
to prayer, and to give the Lord an oppor-
tunity of displaying his power, faithful-
ness, and love.

June 29.—EVENING.

HE hath clothed me with the garments of
salvation, he hath covered me with the
robe of righteousness.—Isa. lxi. 10.

This spotless robe the same appears
When ruin'd nature sinks in years:
No age can change its glorious hue;
The robe of Christ is ever new.

Sin has stripped us naked, and exposed us
to shame; grace clothes us and introduces
us to glory.

June 30.—MORNING.

It is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.—Rom. xiii. 11.

Still we for salvation wait,
Every hour it nearer comes;
Death will break the prison gate,
And admit us to our home.

We are now saved from the power and guilt of sin, but we look forward for complete deliverance from its in-being and all its effects.

June 30.—EVENING.

CHRIST is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.—Rom. x. 4.

To see the law by Christ fulfilled,
And hear his pardoning voice,
Changes a slave into a child,
And duty into choice.

Nothing will deliver us from the spirit of bondage but a right view of, and steady faith in the work of Christ.

Jul 1.—MORNING.

THE name of the Lord is a strong tower;
the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.
—Prov. xviii. 10.

Jesus, the everlasting God,
Thou art thy people's safe abode;
In every storm their refuge tower,
The same till time shall be no more.

The name of the Lord reveals his nature,
and shows us that all his perfections are
united in our salvation and to do us good.

Jul 1.—EVENING.

I AM not ashamed of the gospel of Christ:
for it is the power of God unto salvation.—
Rom. i. 16.

Here Jesus in ten thousand ways,
His soul-attracting charms displays,
Recounts his poverty and pains,
And tells his love in melting strains.

To be ashamed of the gospel, is to be
ashamed of that in which God glories; let
us not be ashamed of it, nor a shame to it.

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July 2.—MORNING.

THIS is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not grievous.—1 John v. 3.

Th' effect must from the cause proceed,
And thy dear genuine children prove
In truth, reality, and deed,
Obedience is but *actual* love.

All acceptable obedience flows from love,
and all true love produces cheerful obedience; we do not love God if we do not obey him.

July 2.—EVENING.

WHOSOEVER he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.—Luke xiv. 33.

I'd all on earth forsake;
Its wisdom, fame, and power;
And him my only portion make,
My shield and tower.

Every Christian must have the spirit of a martyr, and be ready to give up every thing if Jesus call for it.

July 3.—MORNING.

**BEHOLD, the Lord cometh with ten thousand
of his saints.—Jude 14.**

Ye just, the faithful God and true,
Comes to be glorified in you;
Rejoice to see the Judge descend,
And boldly meet your heavenly Friend.

The second advent has always been an object of hope to the Lord's people; let us daily anticipate it.

July 3.—EVENING.

**WAIT on the Lord: be of good courage,
and he shall strengthen thine heart.—Ps.
xxvii. 14.**

Wait, O believer, on the Lord,
And rest with courage on his word;
Wait, for his arm will strength impart,
Till endless triumph glad your heart.

In waiting on the Lord we gain strength,
obtain grace, and secure deliverance from
all our foes and fears.

July 4.—MORNING.

My son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.—2 Tim. ii. 1.

My grace would soon exhausted be,
But his is boundless as the sea ;
Then let me boast, with holy Paul,
That I am nothing, Christ is all.

There is grace in Jesus for us this day;
just that grace which we want, and all we
can want; let us therefore look to Jesus for
all we can need.

July 4.—EVENING.

He shall gather the Lambs with his arm,
and carry them in his bosom.—Isa. xl. 11.

Jesus, Shepherd of thy sheep,
Gather me within thy arms;
Safely in thy bosom keep
Free from dangers and alarms.

Jesus takes particular care of all his weak
and feeble people.

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July 5.—MORNING.

LET your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have.—Heb. xiii. 5.

Art thou a sinner, O my soul?
Then how canst thou complain?
What are thy troubles here, if weigh'd
With everlasting pain?

Covetousness is a bitter root, a prolific source of unhappiness; contentment is a Christian grace, and a living spring of comfort and peace.

July 5.—EVENING.

NOR any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.—Rom. viii. 39.

Things future, nor things that are now,—
Not all things below or above,
Can make him his purpose forego,
Or sever my soul from his love.

The love of God was fixed upon his people in Jesus before the world was, and none of the circumstances of time can remove it.

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July 6.—MORNING.

FEAR not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus,
which was crucified.—Matt. xxviii. 5, 6.

To look to Jesus as he rose,
Confirms my faith, disarms my foes;
Satan I shame and overcome,
By pointing to my Saviour's tomb.

The resurrection of Jesus proves the perfection of his work, and the completeness of his conquest; he conquered; therefore we shall conquer and triumph too.

July 6.—EVENING.

THOU saidst, There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go.—Jer. ii. 25.

Does he want slaves to grace his throne?
Or rules he by an iron rod?
Loves he the deep despairing groan?
To be a tyrant, or a God.

There is no hope for the sinner who loves and lives in sin, but every one that confesses and forsakes sin shall find mercy.

July 7.—MORNING.

HAVING a desire to depart and to be with Christ; which is far better.—Phil. i. 23.

Where Jesus dwells my soul would be;
It fain'ts my much lov'd Lord to see:
Earth twine no more about my heart,
For 'tis far better to depart.

To have Christ with us here is *true* blessedness, but to be with Christ in glory is *perfect* blessedness.

July 7.—EVENING.

REMEMBER me, O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people.—Ps. cvi. 4.

Their daily wants his hands supply,
Their steps he guards with watchful eye,
Leads them from earth to heaven above,
And crowns them with eternal love.

The Lord's favour to his people is free, infinite, and fruitful; from it flows every temporal and spiritual good.

July 8.—MORNING.

Thou shalt call his name Emmanuel, which
being interpreted is, God with us.—Matt.
i. 23.

Lord, consecrate my heart,
Reign sovereign in my breast;
Emmanuel, God with us, thou art,
And on this Rock I rest.

Jesus is the true God; God in our nature;
God in our place; God with us; God for
us; God as near like us as he possibly
could be.

July 8.—EVENING.

STRENGTHEN thou me according unto thy
word.—Ps. cxix. 28.

Pity my frailty, dearest Lord!
Grace in the needful hour afford:
O steel this timorous heart of mine
With fortitude and love divine.

The Lord has promised us strength, our
duties and trials teach us our need of it,
and in answer to prayer, we receive it.

Emine Mary Fleming born
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July 9.—MORNING.

ALL things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.—
Heb. iv. 13.

His calm eternal eye surveys
All things in one unchanging view;
Each creature lives beneath the gaze
Of "Him with whom we have to do."

No person or thing can be concealed from the eye of God; let us then trust in him and not be afraid.

July 9.—EVENING.

BEHOLD, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.—1 John iii. 1.

To us the privilege is given
To be the sons and heirs of heaven;
Sons of the God that reigns on high,
And heirs of joy beyond the sky.

The love of God, as it shines forth in our adoption and union to Christ, is wonderful beyond description.

July 10.—MORNING.

SOME trust in chariots, and some in horses ;
but we will remember the name of the
Lord our God.—Ps. xx. 7.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail :
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Master, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

The name of God warrants our confidence,
and his faithfulness to his people encour-
rages us to exercise it.

July 10.—EVENING.

LET integrity and uprightness preserve me.
—Ps. xxv. 21.

Be thou my all-sufficient friend,
Till all my toils shall cease.
Guard me through life, and let my end
Be everlasting peace.

Integrity and uprightness are not only or-
naments to the Christian, but are essential
to his character, and preserve him from
dangers.

July 11.—MORNING.

CHRIST is entered into heaven itself, now
to appear in the presence of God for us.—
Heb. ix. 24.

Exalted on his glorious throne,
I see him make my cause his own;
Then all my anxious cares subside,
For Jesus lives, and will provide.

Christ is now in heaven *for us*, he advocates our cause, and will bring us off victorious.

July 11.—EVENING.

THOU wast slain, and hast redeemed us to
God by thy blood.—Rev. v. 9.

When sinners broke the Father's laws,
The dying Son atones:
Oh, the dear mysteries of his cross!
The triumph of his groans!

The Lamb of God was slain as a sacrifice,
his blood is the price of our redemption,
therefore our songs should be in honour of
his name.

July 12.—MORNING.

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above.—Col. iii. 1.

Rise from these earthly trifles, rise
On wings of faith and love,
Above your choicest treasure lies,
And be your hearts above.

In regeneration we rise from death in sin,
and our desires and affections should be
daily ascending to him.

July 12.—EVENING.

LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for
thou also hast wrought all our works in
us.—Isa. xxvi. 12.

Dear Saviour, let thy love pursue
The glorious work it has begun;
Each secret lurking foe subdue,
And let our hearts be thine alone.

If there be any thing good in us, the Lord
wrought it; and he who has begun the
good work, will complete it.

July 13.—MORNING.

HE performeth the thing that is appointed for me: and many such things are with him.—Job xxiii. 14.

Jesus appoints my daily lot,
And he does all things well,
I soon shall leave this wretched spot,
And rise with him to dwell.

The dispensations of divine providence toward the saints, are but the fulfilment of the Lord's purposes of grace: all is love however bitter.

July 13.—EVENING.

THEY shall not be ashamed that wait for me.—Isa. xlix. 23.

Blest soul, that can say, "Christ only I seek,"
Wait for him alway, be constant though weak:
The Lord whom thou seekest will not tarry long;
And to him the weakest is dear as the strong.

The Lord always honours the soul that patiently waits for him: a waiting posture is a worshipping posture.

July 14.—MORNING.

I WILL wait upon the Lord, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.—Isa. viii. 17.

His wisdom, love, and power,
Are all engaged for you,
And in affliction's fiery hour,
Will bring you safely through.

If the Lord frown, we should confess our sin; if he hide his face, we should pray; if he conceal himself, we should look for him.

July 14.—EVENING.

For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.—Ps. xxv. 11.

Not all the sins which we have wrought
So much his tender bowels grieve,
As this unkind injurious thought,
That he's unwilling to forgive.

The greater our sins, the more illustrious will the grace of God appear in pardoning them.

July 15.—MORNING.

BLESSED is the man whose strength is in thee.—Ps. lxxxiv. 5.

Blest are the men who lean on thee,
Who trust thy strength alone;
Who in their God all fulness see,
And worship round his throne.

If we depend on the strength we possess,
we shall fail; but if we trust in the promise,
we shall overcome.

July 15.—EVENING.

BEHOLD, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial that is to try you.—1 Pet. iv. 12.

Trials may press of every sort:
They may be sore, they must be short:
We now believe, but soon shall view
The greatest glories God can show.

The choicer the metal, the severer the trial;
so the Lord's choice ones have to pass through fiery trials to test and purify them.

July 16.—MORNING.

JESUS CHRIST, the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever.—Heb. xiii. 8.

The same his power his flock to guard;
The same his bounty to reward;
The same his faithfulness and love
To saints on earth and saints above.

If Jesus were not God, he could not be immutable; if not immutable, not always the same: but Jesus is always the same, therefore he is God.

July 16.—EVENING.

THIS is the record, that God hath given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.—1 John v. 11.

O believe the record true,
God to you his Son has given;
Ye may now be happy too,
Find on earth the life of heaven.

God hath given eternal life to every believer, and this life is in his Son: if we believe, eternal life is ours.

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July 17.—MORNING.

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.—Rev. ii. 10.

Be faithful unto death, nor fear
A few short days of strife,
Behold the prize, you soon shall wear
A crown of endless life!

The faithfulness of God to us, calls upon us to be faithful to him; let our motto therefore be, "NO SURRENDER."

July 17.—EVENING.

To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.—Heb. iv. 7.

Hear while he speaks, he speaks to-day;
Pray while he hears, unceasing pray:
Believe his promises, and then
Obey while he commands.—Amen.

When God speaks, the ear should listen,
the heart should receive, the memory
should retain, and the will should obey.

July 18.—MORNING.

I SAID, I am cast out of thy sight ; yet will
I look again toward thy holy temple.—
Jonah ii. 4

Yea with my depth of crimson guilt,
My wallings, want, and woe,
To that rich blood on Calvary spilt,
I'll look, I'll hope, I'll go.

If there is one monument of mercy more
remarkable than another, it is Jonah ; and
yet inconsistent Jonah is saved : why then
should I doubt ?

July 18.—EVENING

WHO died for us, that whether we wake
or sleep, we should live together with him.—
1 Thess. v. 10.

To suffer in the traitor's place,
To die for men, surprising grace !
To save rebellious angels by—
Why, for man's dear Saviour, why ?

Jesus was our Substitute, and as such he
died, that whether we live or die, we may
be with him and like him.

July 19.—MORNING.

Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end.—Matt. xxviii. 20.

In life my grace shall strength supply
Proportion'd to thy day,
At death thou still shalt find me nigh,
To wipe thy tears away.

The constant presence of Jesus is at once our safety and our comfort; he will sustain, supply, and console us; whoever leaves us, Jesus remains.

July 19.—EVENING.

YE are risen with Christ through the faith of the operation of God.—Col. ii. 12.

Soar we now where Christ has led
Following our exalted Head!
Made like him, like him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Every believer, in his baptism, is buried with Christ, and by faith rises with him to a new and spiritual life: he is pledged to walk holily

July 20.—MORNING.

It is written, The just shall live by faith
—Rom. i. 17.

How blest it is to live by faith,
And cast our burden on the Lord;
To credit what the Saviour saith,
And rest, confiding in his word!

By faith we embrace the Saviour's righteousness, and so become just; being justified, we live believing God's promise and realising its truth.

July 20.—EVENING.

BEHOLD, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone,
elect, precious.—1 Pet. ii. 6.

Thy people long this stone have tried,
And all the powers of hell defied;
Floods of temptation bear in vain,—
Well doth this rock the house sustain.

Jesus as the corner stone unites all his people in one, while as a foundation he sustains and bears up the whole fabric of mercy.

July 21.—MORNING.

CAST thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee.—Ps. lv. 22.

- Why should this heavy load
Press down your weary mind?
- Haste to your heavenly Father's throne,
And sweet refreshment find,

The Lord is willing to receive whatever we carry to him, and he will either remove our load, or give us more strength to bear it.

July 21.—EVENING.

THOU art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.—Rev. iii. 15.

Come, dearest Lord, thy grace impart,
To warm this lukewarm, stupid heart,
Till all its powers and passions move
In melting grief and ardent love.

Nothing is more offensive to the Saviour than lukewarmness, let us be decided and zealous in his cause.

July 22.—MORNING.

So shall we ever be with the Lord.—1 Thess.
iv. 17, 18.

O glorious hour! it comes with speed;
We shall behold, from darkness freed,
Th' Incarnate One who died for man,
And praise him more than angels can.

At the resurrection, all the saints will be
collected, perfected, and be satisfied with
Christ's likeness.

July 22.—EVENING.

THE Lord is risen indeed, and hath ap-
peared to Simon.—Luke xxiv. 34.

Jesus, once number'd with the dead,
Unseals his eyes to sleep no more;
And ever lives their cause to plead,
For whom the pains of death he bore.

The Saviour's resurrection secures ours,
and is the standing proof that his sacrifice
is accepted: in this let us rejoice.

July 23.—MORNING.

ARE they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?—Heb. i. 14.

Angels, where'er we go, attend
Our steps, whate'er betide,
With watchful care their charge defend,
And evil turn aside.

Angels are present with us, and have charge of us at this moment; and through this day wherever we go they will accompany us.

July 23.—EVENING.

Is this thy kindness to thy friend?—2 Sam. xvi. 17.

Sure were I not most vile and base,
I could not thus my Friend requite;
And were not he the God of grace,
He'd frown and spurn me from his sight.

Every Christian on reading the text will think of Jesus, and conscience will point to those things which were unworthy of us, and dishonoured him.

July 24.—MORNING.

WHATSOEVER ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.—John xvi. 23.

Thy blood and spotless righteousness
Are our continual plea;
And whilst the Father we address,
We do it still through thee.

To pray in the name of Jesus is to pray as authorised by him, and to ask for his sake; he bids us go to his Father, and pray thus.

July 24.—EVENING.

THAT I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation.—Ps. cvi. 5.

O may I see thy tribes rejoice,
And aid their triumphs with my voice!
This is my glory, Lord, to be
Join'd to thy saints, and near to thee.

Every true believer rejoices in the prosperity of the Lord's cause; and desires to share in the trials and triumphs of the church.

July 25.—MORNING.

THE blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.—1 John i. 7.

Here will I bathe my spotted soul,
And make it pure and fair;
Till not the eye of God discern
One foul pollution there.

There are no limits to the efficacy of a Saviour's blood, it never was more efficacious than it is this morning.

July 25.—EVENING.

WHOSOEVER will, let him take the water of life freely.—Rev. xxii. 17.

Ye doubting sinners come and try,
For Christ will not his grace deny;
Then draw with joy, your vessels fill,
Come draw and drink, whoever will.

No invitation can be more free, no blessing more valuable; let us therefore go and receive freely.

July 26.—MORNING.

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.—James ii. 26.

By works our loving faith we show,
Our sense of sins forgiven,
And walking in his steps we go
After our Head to heaven.

Faith in Christ conforms us to Christ; if our faith is real, it will be active; and its effect will be good works: no good works, no faith.

July 26.—EVENING.

I WILL water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.—Isa. xxvii. 3.

Each moment water'd by thy care,
And fenced with power divine,
Fruit to eternal life shall bear
The feeblest branch of thine.

Every moment we need divine communications, and every moment God has promised to give them; here is our comfort and our security.

July 27.—MORNING.

THAT every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life.—John vi. 40.

Let nature change, and sink, and die,
Jesus shall raise his chosen high,
And fix them near his stable throne,
In glory changeless as his own.

Perceiving the divinity of the Saviour, we place our dependence on him, and relying on him eternal life is ours.

July 27.—EVENING.

I HAVE blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions, and as a cloud thy sins.—Isa. xliv. 23.

Light like a flood bursts o'er my soul,
As Jesus seems to say,
"I've blotted thy transgressions out,
I've washed thy sins away."

Free grace removes the cloud of our sins with the same ease as the sun chases away the morning mists.

July 28.—MORNING.

CHRIST is all, and in all.—Col. iii. 11.

O my Saviour, Shield, and Sun,
Shepherd, Brother, Husband, Friend,
Every precious name in one,
I will love thee without end.

Every believer is in Christ ; and Christ is everything to the believer ; he is all he needs as a sinner, and all he desires as a saint. ✓

July 28.—EVENING..

**WHEN they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified him.
—Luke xxiii. 33.**

He that distributes crowns and thrones,
Hangs on a tree, and bleeds and groans ;
The Prince of Life resigns his breath ;
The King of Glory bows to death.

See what man did with his Maker, when he put himself into his power. ✓

July 29.—MORNING.

OUR God is in the heavens: he hath done
whatsoever he hath pleased.—Ps. cxv. 3.

Our God in heaven his throne maintains,
Our God o'er all the earth he reigns;
And when his ways are most unknown,
Through the whole world his will is done.

Our God is an absolute Sovereign, his will
is law; he doeth just what pleases him, but
he will only choose to do what is holy, just,
and good. L L

July 29.—EVENING.

God hath from the beginning chosen you
to salvation through sanctification of the
Spirit and belief of the truth.—2 Thess.
ii. 13.

Loved of my God, for him again
With love intense I'd burn:
Chosen of Thee, ere time began,
I'd choose thee in return.

Election is the root of salvation, sanctifica-
tion is the vital sap, belief of the truth its
verdure, and good works its fruits. L L

July 30.—MORNING.

THOU art my God, my times are in thy hand.—Ps. xxi. 14, 15.

Now let the Lord for ever reign,
And sway us as he will;
Sick or in health, in ease or pain,
We are his children still.

All our concerns are under divine direction,
even the most minute; let us therefore fix
the eye on God's hand, and acquiesce in his
will.

July 30.—EVENING.

My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest
among ten thousand.—Song v. 10.

May Jesus more precious become!
His word be a lamp to our feet!
While we in this wilderness roam,
Till brought in his presence to meet!

The beauty of Jesus can only be seen by
the eye of faith, and when seen can never
be fully set forth by any human language.

July 31.—MORNING.

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.—2 Cor. v. 17.

Create all new, my will control;
 Subdue the rebel in my soul;
 Chase from my mind th' infernal foe,
 And peace, the fruit of faith bestow!

Real religion is not merely reformation, but it is a new creation; the heart must be thoroughly changed, and then views, motives, desires, and pursuits all become new.

July 31.—EVENING.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you.—1 Cor. iii. 16.

His blest renovation begun,
 He dwells in the hearts of his saints;
 Abandons his temple to none,
 Nor e'er of his calling repents.

Every believer is consecrated to God, and is his temple: the Holy Spirit dwells in, and is worshipped by us all.

August 1.—MORNING.

He that is our God is the God of salvation.
Ps. lxxviii. 20.

Of all the crowns Jehovah bears,
Salvation is the dearest claim,
That glorious sound well pleased he hears,
And owns Emmanuel for his name.

We need an almighty Saviour, and our God
will not trust that work out of his own
hands; he who created us by his power,
saves us by his grace.

August 1.—EVENING.

WORK out your own salvation with fear
and trembling.—Phil. ii. 12.

Then grant us, gracious Lord,
Sweet influence from thy throne:
The work to be performed is ours,
The strength is all thy own.

Believers are often in dangers, from which
they need to be delivered; but in effecting
their deliverance caution and holy fear
should be exercised.

August 2.—MORNING.

JESUS said unto him, What wilt thou that
I should do unto thee?—Mark x. 51.

The feeling heart, the melting eye,
The humble mind bestow,
And shine upon me from on high,
To make my graces grow.

There is nothing too hard for Jesus to do,
and he is willing to do any thing for us
which will promote his glory and our good.

August 2.—EVENING.

OUR gospel came not unto you in word
only, but also in power, and in the Holy
Ghost.—1 Thess. i. 5.

Whene'er to call the Saviour mine,
With ardent wish, my soul aspires;
Can it be less than power divine
Which animates those strong desires?

The word of the gospel comes to all, but it
is accompanied with the secret and invin-
cible energy of the Holy Spirit to the hearts
of God's elect.

August 3.—MORNING.

BLESSED are they that are persecuted for
righteousness' sake.—Matt. v. 10.

Though men despise me, or revile,
I count the trial small;
Whoever frownè, if Jesus smile,
It makes amends for all.

If our lives are holy, and our conversation
spiritual, we must expect persecution from
the world; but in this we may rejoice, for
it is our glory.

August 3.—EVENING.

THE Lord openeth the eyes of the blind.—
Ps. cxlvi. 8.

He opens the eyes of the blind,
The beauty of Jesus to view:
He changes the bent of the mind,
The glory of God to pursue.

If the Lord open our eyes, we shall see our
lost state as sinners, our need of a Saviour,
and the exact adaptation of Jesus to us.

August 4.—MORNING.

WE have not an high priest, who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities.

—Heb. iv. 15.

The love that brought him from the sky,
For men to suffer, weep, and die,
Prompts him with pitying heart to share
Each secret grief his followers bear.

The sympathy of the Saviour is exquisitely tender; this should cheer and console us in the darkest day.

August 4.—EVENING.

WHEN I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love.

—Ezek. xvi. 8.

Lord, 'twas a time of wondrous love,
When thou didst first draw near my soul,
And by the Spirit from above,
My rising passions didst control.

If the Lord had not sought us, we never should have sought him; if he had not loved us when we were unlovely, we had never loved him at all.

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August 5.—MORNING.

Now once in the end of the world hath he
appeared to put away sin.—Heb. ix. 26.

Lamb of God for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded,
Who on him their hopes have built.

Jesus came to expiate our sins, and he has
done so; sin is put away, so that it shall
never condemn us.

August 5.—EVENING.

I WILL shew thee my faith by my works.—
James ii. 18.

Have I that faith which looks to Christ,
O'ermcomes the world and sin,
Receives him Prophet, Priest, and King,
And makes the conscience clean.

True faith produces good works: leaves
and fruit are not more necessary to prove
the life of the tree, than are good works to
prove faith genuine.

My dear Sister Annie, Great love to you

† August 6.—MORNING.

BECAUSE ye are sons, God has sent forth
the Spirit of his Son into your hearts.—
Gal. iv. 6.

The spirit of a child, Lord, give,
O may I "Abba Father" say;
Bless'd by thy love, Lord, let me live,
Bless'd by thy love, Lord, let me die.

Adoption makes us sons, regeneration gives
us the nature of children, and the Holy
Spirit working in the heart, enables us to
claim the relationship.

August 6.—EVENING.

WILT thou not revive us again; that thy
people may rejoice in thee?—Ps. lxxxv. 6.

Return and revive me once more,
With joys that are pure and divine;
Thy presence is what I implore,
O grant it, and comfort is mine.

The earth does not more need the refresh-
ing showers, than we do the reviving in-
fluences of the Holy Spirit; for these let
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My dear sister Anne, I have been thinking of you very much lately.

August 7.—MORNING.

I BEHELD, and, lo, in the midst of the throne stood a Lamb as it had been slain.—Rev. v. 6.

To him whom men despise and slight,
To him be glory given;
The crown is his, and his by right,
The highest place in heaven.

Jesus, who was once in the manger, and on the cross, is now on the throne; there he reigns, and receives homage from all the inhabitants of heaven.

August 7.—EVENING.

TURN you at my reproof; behold, I will pour out my Spirit upon you.—Prov. i. 23.

Let thy kind Spirit in my heart
For ever dwell, O God of love!
And light and heavenly peace impart—
Sweet earnest of the joys above.

If we would receive the promised Spirit, we must listen to the word, bow in humility before the throne, and earnestly plead for it.

August 8.—MORNING.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things;
and I will be his God, and he shall be my
son.—Rev. xxi. 7.

What an heritage were this,
An eternity of bliss !
Heaven below and heaven above,
Oh, the miracle of love !

Our sincerity and courage must be tried;
but if we fight in the strength of grace,
victory is certain.

August 8.—EVENING.

Thy people shall be willing in the day of
thy power.—Ps. cx. 3.

The stubbornest will he can bow,
The foes that dwell in us restrain;
And none can be trodden so low,
But he can revive them again.

If we are willing to be saved by Jesus, and
to be his loyal subjects, the Lord has made
us so, his power has been exerted, for none
are so by nature.

August 9.—MORNING.

WE have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.—Eph. i. 11.

Jesus, your Shepherd, Lord, and Chief,
Shall shelter you from ill;
And not a worm or shaking leaf
Can move but at his will.

God's hand is in every event, and all things are directed to accomplish his will and glorify his name.

August 9.—EVENING.

THAT I might rest in the day of trouble.—
Hab. iii. 16.

Oh, that closer I could cleave,
To thy bleeding, dying breast!
Give me firmly to believe,
And to enter into rest.

Sin produces trouble, only faith can give us rest: but in the greatest trouble, faith in Jesus will bring us sweet repose.

August 10.—MORNING.

THIS is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.—1 John v. 4.

One hope there is that succour brings,
Where thickest darts are hurled;
The humblest faith to Christ that clings,
Shall overcome the world.

This faith is a persuasion of the reality of heavenly things, and a confident expectation of enjoying them.

August 10.—EVENING.

THE righteous also shall hold on his way.
—Job xvii. 9.

Yes, I to the end shall endure,
As sure as the earnest is given;
More-happy, but not more secure,
The glorified spirits in heaven.

Nothing can be more positive than the Saviour's promise, that his sheep shall never perish, or more plain than the assurance that the righteous shall hold on his way.

August 11.—MORNING.

THEY that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.—Gal. v. 24.

I'd nail my passions to the cross
Where my Redeemer died;
And all things count but shame and loss,
For Jesus crucified.

If we are the disciples of Jesus, we must consult his will, live in his service, and aim at his glory.

August 11.—EVENING.

AFTER that ye believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.—Ephes. i. 13.

O, save me from the power of sin,
And seal me thine abode:
Thine image stamp, and make me shine,
A temple meet for God.

When the believer receives the Spirit of adoption, to sanctify him, he has the earnest of the inheritance, and is sealed unto the day of redemption.

August 12.—MORNING.

I PRAY not that thou shouldest take them
out of the world, but that thou shouldest
keep them from the evil.—John xvii. 15.

As man, he pities my complaint,
His power and truth are all divine;
He will not fail, he cannot faint;
Salvation's sure, and must be mine.

We are kept in the world that we may do
good; it is full of evil, therefore we daily
need Divine keeping.

August 12.—EVENING.

How long will it be ere they believe me?
—Num. xiv. 11.

Lord, I believe! O chase away
The gloomy clouds of unbelief!
Lord, I repent! O let thy ray
Dissolve my heart in sacred grief!

Nothing is so unreasonable as to doubt the
word of the God of truth, and yet every
Christian is so unreasonable at times.

August 13.—MORNING.

THE Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.—Ps. xxiii. 1.

Jehovah is my Shepherd's name,
Then what have I, though weak, to fear?
My sin and folly I proclaim,
If I despond while he is near.

Jesus has undertaken for us, and has made the most precious promises to us; it is therefore both our duty and privilege to confide in him. ✓✓✓

August 13.—EVENING.

GODLINESS with contentment is great gain.
—1 Tim. vi. 6.

Father, fix my soul on thee;
Every evil let me flee;
Nothing want, beneath, above,—
Happy in thy precious love.

If our godliness is thorough, we shall be content with all God's allotments, and being content, we shall be rich and happy; contentment is always a good fortune. ✓✓✓

August 14.—MORNING.

HIM that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out.—John vi. 37.

"In no wise!" mighty word of faith,
What more can sinners need?
Sinners, believe what Jesus saith,
And with Jehovah plead.

The Saviour never refused a sinner on his first application, nor a backslider on his return, and he assures us he never will.

August 14.—EVENING.

THEY shall be my people, and I will be their God.—Jer. xxxii. 38.

All else, which we our treasure call,
May in one fatal moment fall;
But what their happiness can move,
When God the blessed deigns to love?

The people of God are his choice, his care, and his portion; and he is their confidence, comfort, and all.

August 15.—MORNING.

I **AM** sought of them that asked not after me ; I am found of them that sought me not.—Isa. lxxv. 1.

What wakes the first relenting thought ?

What, but the Spirit from above ?

Who e'er sought him till by him sought ?

Or whom doth he not freely love ?

Real religion always begins with God :
there is no feeling, till he quickens ; no
light, till he shines ; no seeking him, till he
seeks us.

August 15.—EVENING.

He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be
saved.—Mark xvi. 16.

Thy mercy pardons crying sins,
And washes out the deepest stains ;

'Tis free, and to the vilest given—
The vilest out of hell and heaven.

Faith in Christ, and obedience to Christ,
are indisputable evidences of salvation :
every obedient believer is *saved*, and God
is honoured in saving him.

August 16.—MORNING.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
—Matt. vi. 10.

How sweet to be allowed to pray
To God the Holy One!
With filial love and trust to say—
O God, thy will be done.

We can never be happy, but as our wills
are conformed to the will of God; resignation
should ever characterise Christians.

August 16.—EVENING.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all
thy heart.—Deut. vi. 5.

Where'er my foolish wandering heart,
Attracted by a creature's power,
Would from this blissful centre start,
Lord, fix it there to stray no more!

Jehovah claims and deserves our highest
and constant love, and it is at once our
duty, and our happiness, to observe this
precept.



August 17.—MORNING.

SHALL we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.—Rom. vi. 15.

Could Jesus suffer for my sin,
And I not dread it worse?
Would God have bruised him, but to win
His creature from its curse?

Privileges aggravate our sins; sin is always bad, but never so bad as when committed against light and love.

August 17.—EVENING.

YOUR murmurings are not against us, but against the Lord.—Exod. xvi. 8.

I would submit to all thy will,
For thou art good and wise:
Let every anxious thought be still,
Nor one faint murmur rise.

If we murmur against any of God's instruments, he takes it as done against himself; murmuring can never become us, or be profitable to us.

August 18.—MORNING.

WITH my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me, will I seek thee early.—Isa. xxvi. 9.

Thou art my only trust,
My portion and my joy;
No more let vanity and dust
My heart and hopes employ.

They that sincerely desire the Saviour,
earnestly seek him, and every one that
seeketh findeth.

August 18.—EVENING.

BEHOLD, I have graven thee upon the palms
of my hands.—Isa. xlix. 16.

My name from the palms of his hands,
Eternity will not erase;
Impressed on his heart it remains
In marks of indelible grace.

The nails by which our Saviour was fast-
ened to the tree *for us*, engraved our names
on his hands.

August 19.—MORNING.

Thou art my hiding-place ; thou shalt preserve me from trouble.—Pa. xxxii. 7.

Be thou my shield and hiding-place!
That, sheltered near thy side,
I may my fierce accuser face,
And tell him, "Thou hast died."

Jesus will preserve us from all that is really hurtful, and sanctify to us all that is painful ; he is our protector.

August 19.—EVENING.

THOUGH I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.—1 Cor. xiii. 2.

O, grant me, Lord, this one request,
And I'll be satisfied,—
That love divine may rule my breast,
And all my actions guide.

Charity is love—supreme love to God, and constant love to man : whatever we have, if we have not love, we are not Christians.

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August 20.—MORNING.

He that abideth in me, and I in him, the
same bringeth forth much fruit: for with-
out me ye can do nothing.—John xv. 5.

Lord, I am trusting in myself alone,
In all my weakness let thy strength be shown,
In all my poverty, thy riches give,
Dead in myself, may I through Jesus live.

Union to Jesus is the source of life and
fruitfulness; it is only as we cleave to him,
that we can glorify him.

August 20.—EVENING.

FEAR not, neither be discouraged.—Deut.
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You in his wisdom, power, and love,
May confidently trust;
His wisdom guides, his power protects;
His grace rewards the just.

Without the promises we have enough to
discourage an angel; but with them, nothing
ought to discourage us.

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August 21.—MORNING.

ALL mine are thine, and thine are mine,
and I am glorified in them.—John xvii. 10.

Dear Lord, if I am one of thine,
From anxious thoughts I would be free,
To trust, and love, and praise is mine,
The care of all belongs to thee.

The Father gave us his Son ; the Son loves
and values us beyond description ; and it is
ours to glorify him by our devotedness,
activity, and gratitude.

August 21.—EVENING.

THE Lord giveth wisdom.—Prov. ii. 6.

Happy the man who finds the grace—
The blessing of God's chosen race ;
The wisdom coming from above,
And faith that sweetly works by love.

We daily need wisdom, and the Lord daily
gives it ; if we feel our need, ardently de-
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August 22.—MORNING.

BECAUSE thou hast been my help, therefore
in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.—
Ps. lxxiii. 7.

My God, I would rejoice in thee,
Thy promises, thy love, thy power,
Thy past deliverances shall be
My comfort for each future hour.

Past mercies encourage us to expect present
favours, and future supplies. Our God is
never weary of giving.

August 22.—EVENING.

HELP us, O Lord our God, for we rest on
thee.—2 Chron. xiv. 11.

Help me to do thy holy will,
Let duty bliss dispense;
Save from a disobedient heart,
From sloth and negligence.

If we rest on the Lord's faithful word, we
may justly look to him for help; nor will
he allow us to look in vain.

August 23.—MORNING.

O ISRAEL ! return unto the Lord thy God ;
for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.—
Hosea xiv. 1.

Wherefore should I longer wander,
Let me to my God return ;
On his judgments mutely ponder,
And their sacred lessons learn.

By sin we wander from God, by faith, prayer,
and penitence, we return to him ; let us
believe, pray, and mourn over our sins this
morning.

August 23.—EVENING.

I AM in a great strait : let us now fall into
the hand of the Lord.—2 Sam. xxiv. 14.

The time of greatest straits,
Thy chosen time has been,
To manifest thy power is great,
And make thy glory seen.

If the hand of providence bring us into
straits, let us fall into the hand of mercy ;
while the one tries us, the other will sus-
tain us.

August 24.—MORNING.

O ISRAEL! thou shalt not be forgotten of me.—Isa. xlv. 21.

Poor though I am, despised, forgot,
Yet God, my God, forgets me not;
And he is safe and must succeed,
For whom thy Lord vouchsafes to plead.

The Lord's people are always in his thoughts,
and under his eye; let it cheer and comfort
me to-day to remember, God thinketh upon
me.

August 24.—EVENING.

RETURN, ye backsliding children, and I will
heal your backslidings.—Jer. iii. 22.

Return, O wanderer, return,
Thy Saviour bids thy spirit live;
Go to his bleeding feet and learn
How freely Jesus can forgive.

Backsliding from God brings us into a
state of disease, which no one but God can
heal.

August 25.—MORNING.

CAST down, but not destroyed.—2 Cor.
iv. 9.

Though sore beset with guilt and fear,
I cannot, dare not quite despair;
If I must perish, would the Lord
Have taught my heart to love his word?

We deserve destruction for sin, but are preserved from it by grace; cast down we may be, for we are sinners: destroyed we shall not be, for we are believers.

August 25.—EVENING.

Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—2 Pet.
iii. 18.

Precept and promise still unite
To make this service our delight;
To grow in grace,—this, surely this,
Is the transcendency of bliss.

Religion is progressive; there is first the blade, then the ear, and then the full corn in the ear.

August 26.—MORNING.

FEAR ye not, therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.—Matt. x. 31.

If he worms and sparrows feed,
Clothe the grass in rich array,
Can he see a child in need,
And turn his eye away?

God's care is extended to the whole of his creatures, but his care of his people is special and peculiar.

August 26.—EVENING.

BE not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.—Rom. xii. 2.

Born by a new celestial birth,
Why should we grovel here on earth?
Why grasp at transitory toys,
So near to heaven's eternal joys?

As those who are born from above, and whose treasure is in heaven, we should be heavenly minded, and holy in every part of our behaviour.

August 27.—MORNING.

He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.—2 Cor. v. 21.

What wondrous love! what mysteries

In this appointment shine!

My breaches of the law are his,

And his obedience mine.

Jesus, as our substitute, has made a full atonement for our sin, and the righteousness he wrought out is imputed to us, it is placed to our account.

August 27.—EVENING.

THAT I might finish my course with joy.—
Acts xx. 24.

With joy may we our course pursue,

And keep the crown of life in view,—

That crown, which in one hour repays

The labour of ten thousand days.

This object the apostle constantly kept in view; let us daily pray, and daily live, so that we may expect to finish our course with joy.

August 28.—MORNING.

LET him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall.—1 Cor. x. 12.

Though much exalted in the Lord,
My strength is not my own;
Then let me tremble at his word,
And none shall cast me down.

Filial fear is our great preservative in all times of temptation; we shall not fall into that which we fear.

August 28.—EVENING.

HE that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.—Rev. ii. 11.

Rouse, rouse, my soul, and fight thy way,
Should earth and hell oppose;
Though thou art not; thy Saviour is
A match for all thy foes.

Only conquerors are crowned; we must therefore fight and overcome every foe if we would be crowned by the hand of Jesus.

August 29.—MORNING.

HAPPY is that people whose God is the Lord.—Ps. cxliv. 15.

When I can say, "My God is mine,"
When I can feel thy glories shine,
I tread the world beneath my feet,
And all that earth calls good, or great.

To have Jehovah for our God is to be truly blessed; for he will hear our prayers, redress our grievances, and supply our wants.

August 29.—EVENING.

I WILL that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath or doubting.—1 Tim. ii. 8.

Prayer is the winged messenger,
That bears our sighs from earth to heaven;
That brings them to our Father's ear,
Nor thence returns till grace is given.

If wrathful or doubting, we are unfitted for prayer, but if we love men, and believe God, every time and place is suited for prayer.

August 30.—MORNING.

BECAUSE thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation.—Rev. iii. 10.

Jesus, in sore temptation's hour,
May I not trust thy grace and power?
Surely I would thy word embrace,
And hang on thy sufficient grace.

Every professor must be tried, but if Jesus keep us, we shall overcome.

August 30.—EVENING.

BLESSED is the man that trusteth in the Lord.—Jer. xvii. 7.

I rest upon thy promise, Lord,
And trust thy love and power;
O make me more than conqueror now,
And in the final hour.

If we trust in men, we shall be disappointed and discouraged; but if we trust in the Lord, we shall be safe and successful.

August 31.—MORNING.

God is not a man that he should lie, neither
the son of man, that he should repent.—
Num. xxiii. 19.

Yes, since God himself has said it,
On the promise I rely,
His good word demands my credit,
What can unbelief reply?
He is *strong*, and can fulfil,
He is *truth*, and therefore will.

The promises of God are the offspring of
his love, the proofs of his grace, and the
pledges of his mercy: they are changeless,
as his nature; certain, as his existence;
and immutable, as his throne.

August 31.—EVENING.

FIGHT the good fight of faith, lay hold on
eternal life.—1 Tim. vi. 12.

From strength to strength go on,
Wrestle, and fight, and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down,
And win the well-fought day.

Faith has to fight with corruption within,
and opposition without; but there is no
way of laying hold on eternal life, but by
fighting for it.

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September 1.—MORNING.

I HAD fainted, unless I had believed to see
the goodness of the Lord in the land of the
living.—Ps. xxvii. 13.

In many a dark and cheerless day,
Afflicted by thy sovereign rod,
My soul had fainted by the way,
But for her confidence in God.

Faith in the promise is a preservative for
overwhelming fears and gloomy despair;
never let us give up our dependence on the
faithful word. *LLV*

September 1.—EVENING.

UNTO the upright there ariseth light in
the darkness.—Ps. cxii. 4.

Lord, though my soul in darkness mourns,
Thy word is all my stay;
Here would I rest till light returns;
Thy presence makes my day.

The upright may sometimes be in the dark,
but the Lord will appear for them, shine on
them, and deliver them. *LLV*

September 2.—MORNING.

He shall deliver thee in six troubles; yea,
in seven there shall no evil touch thee.—
Job v. 19.

To Jesus then your trouble bring,
Nor murmur at your lot;
While you are poor, and he is King,
You shall not be forgot.

Every trouble is preceded by a "need" and shall be succeeded by a deliverance; therefore trust.

September 2.—EVENING.

WHAT would ye that I should do for you?
—Mark x. 36.

O grant me all a God can give,
And all that mortals can receive;
Grace to believe in Jesus' blood—
Grace to enjoy and walk with God.

Jesus is able to do all we can ask, and he is willing to do whatever will really benefit us; but he will have us ask him.

September 3.—MORNING.

FOLLOW peace with all men, and holiness,
without which no man shall see the Lord.
—Heb. xii. 14.

Had I a throne above the rest,
Where angels and archangels dwell;
One sin unslain within my breast
Would make that heaven as dark as hell.

There is no real happiness without holi-
ness on earth, nor can there be in heaven;
we need a change of nature, rather than
change of place.

September 3.—EVENING.

WHEN my father and my mother forsake
me, then the Lord will take me up.—Ps.
xxvii. 10.

Should every earthly friend depart,
And nature leave a parent's heart;
My God, on whom my hopes depend,
Will be my Father and my Friend.

Every creature may cast us off, but the
Lord never will; yea, when they turn from
us, he draws nearer to us, to comfort and
bless us.

September 4.—MORNING.

THE comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.—2 Cor. i. 4.

Be mine the comforts that reclaim
The soul from Satan's power;
That make me blush for what I am,
And hate my sin the more.

Spiritual comforts come directly from God, and they always lead us to God, and make us like God.

September 4.—EVENING.

BE ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.—James i. 22.

In vain religion we profess,
While we reject the Lord's command:
Strangers to God and happiness,
We build our house upon the sand.

The Lord requires not only faith in his promise, but obedience to his commands: practical religion is the only true religion.

September 5.—MORNING.

YE were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord : walk as children of light.—Eph. v. 8.

To walk as children of the day ;

To mark the precepts' holy light :

To wage the warfare, watch and pray,

Show who are pleasing in his sight.

We are delivered from the power of darkness to walk in the light of truth ; let us walk carefully and prayerfully.

September 5.—EVENING.

HE forgetteth not the cry of the humble.—Pa. ix. 12.

The humble have the clearest light,

Who make the Lord their only stay :

Our knowledge then is sound and right,

When we repent, believe, obey.

Humble souls are much in prayer, they live near the Lord, in every trouble they cry unto him, and he never denies or forgets them.

September 6.—MORNING.

BROTHERS, we have been called unto liberty;
only use it for an occasion to the
flesh.—Gal. v. 13.

The liberty our hearts implore
Is not to live in sin;
But still to wait at Wisdom's door
Till mercy calls us in.

We are called to enjoy freedom from guilt
and slavish fear, in order that we may serve
God in righteousness and true holiness.

September 6.—EVENING.

BEHOLD, we come unto thee; for thou art
the Lord our God.—Jer. iii. 22.

Where but to a bleeding Saviour,
Should we come for life and peace?
Nothing but thy boundless favour
Can our burden'd souls release.

When faith accepts God's invitation,
in deep humility return to his throne
and frankly confess our sins; and not only
confess, but forsake them.

September 7.—MORNING.

In the day when I cried thou heardest me,
and strengthenedst me with strength in
my soul.—Ps. cxxxviii. 3.

Man's wisdom is to seek
His strength in God alone;
And ev'n an angel would be weak
Who trusted in his own.

There is sometimes more mercy in giving
us strength to bear a trial, than in deliver-
ing us from it.

September 7.—EVENING.

O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of
the years.—Hab. iii. 2.

Oh, let thy Spirit to my heart,
Once more his quickening aid impart;
My mind from every fear release,
And soothe my troubled thoughts to peace.

The work within us often needs to be re-
vived, and never more than when we fancy
all is going on well.

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September 8.—MORNING.

YE are dead, and your life is hid with
Christ in God.—Col. iii. 3.

Though many foes beset your road,
And feeble is your arm;
Your life is hid with Christ in God,
Beyond the reach of harm.

If dead to the law, and united to Jesus,—
if dead to the world, and alive unto God,
our safety is perfect, and heaven is sure:
holiness is the earnest of heaven.

September 8.—EVENING.

LEAD me in thy truth, and teach me; for
thou art the God of my salvation.—Ps.
xxv. 5.

Show me how vile I am by sin,
And wash me in thy cleansing blood;
Oh, make me willing to be thine,
And be to me a covenant God.

If the Lord lead us, he will teach us; and
if he teach us, we shall know the truth and
practise it.

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September 9.—MORNING.

THE meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.—Isa. xxix. 19.

'Tis joy enough, my all in all,
At thy dear feet to lie;
Thou wilt not let me lower fall,
And none can higher fly.

The more humble we are, the happier we shall be; for joy is the offspring of humility.

September 9.—EVENING.

I MEDITATE on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.—Ps. cxliii. 5.

I love to think on mercies past,
And future good implore:
And all my cares and sorrows cast
On him whom I adore.

Meditation is a most profitable, though much neglected duty; no Christian should expect to thrive without prayer and meditation.

September 10.—MORNING.

FOR we are members of his body, of his
flesh, and of his bones.—Eph. v. 30.

This sacred tie forbids their fears,
For all he is, or has, is theirs;
With him, their Head, they stand or fall,
Their life, their surety, and their all.

The union between Jesus and his people
is most close, tender, and profitable; and
it is for ever.

September 10.—EVENING.

TAKE ye heed, watch and pray: for ye
know not when the time is.—Mark xiii. 33.

The Saviour bids us watch and pray,
For soon the hour will come
That calls us from the earth away
To our eternal home.

Watchfulness will awaken a spirit of prayer,
and by praying we obtain strength for
watching.

September 11.—MORNING.

THIS is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.—John xvii. 3.

Jesus, thy Godhead, blood, and name,
O! eternal life to know;

Here let my soul her hold maintain,
When moved by conscience, wrath, or law,

God has revealed himself in Jesus; and he that knows not the Son, cannot know the Father. ✓✓✓

September 11.—EVENING.

THEY looked unto him, and were lightened; and their faces were not ashamed.—Ps. xxxiv. 5.

Look to the Lord, his word, his throne;
Look to his grace and not thine own:

There wait and look, and look again,
Thou shalt not wait nor look in vain.

If we look to broken cisterns, we shall be disappointed; but if we look to the fountain of living waters, we are sure of a supply. ✓✓✓

September 12.—MORNING.

By the grace of God I am what I am.—
1 Cor. xv. 10.

'Twas grace that called our souls at first,
By grace thus far we're come;
And grace will help us through the worst,
And lead us safely home.

Grace originates, carries on, and completes,
our salvation; it claims, deserves, and
should have, all the glory. By grace we
are saved. ✓✓

September 12.—EVENING.

AND rejoice in hope of the glory of God.—
Rom. v. 2.

Soon shall close thy earthly mission;
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days:
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

The glory of God is set before us as the
object of our hope; we should daily live
expecting it, and rejoice in the expectation. ✓✓

September 13.—MORNING.

LET patience have her perfect work, that
ye may be perfect and entire, wanting no-
thing.—James i. 4.

Hold patience and faith, till Jesus shall rise,
And bid thee possess thy seat in the skies;
The king in his beauty thine eyes shall survey,
And walk with the Lamb in the regions of day.

Faith and patience always go together—
faith in the promise will enable us patient-
ly to suffer God's will. *LLL*

September 13.—EVENING.

O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that
trusteth in thee.—Ps. lxxxiv. 12.

O Lord of hosts, thou God of grace,
How blest, divinely blest, is he
Who trusts thy love, and seeks thy face,
And fixes all his hopes on thee.

Whatever we trust *with* the Lord is safe;
whatever we trust the Lord *for*, is certain;
and *while* we trust the Lord, we have peace. *LLL*

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September 14.—MORNING.

THEN/said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou
hadst been here, my brother had not died.
—John xi. 21.

He loves to come when others flee,
Or, coming, cannot aid;
To save in faith's extremity,
When hope's last glimmerings fade.

We often think, if God were with us, and
for us, such trials would not befall us; but
he sends the trials in order to display his
kindness and care.

September 14.—EVENING.

BEHOLD, happy is the man whom God cor-
recteth; therefore despise not thou the
chastening of the Almighty.—Job v. 17.

Affliction's furnace is design'd,
The Christian's character to show;
By this his graces are refined,
And he is weaned from things below.

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September 15.—MORNING.

How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O
God! therefore the children of men put
their trust under the shadow of thy wings.
—Ps. xxxvi. 7.

Retreat beneath his wings,
And in his grace confide,
This more exalts the King of kings,
Than all your works beside.

The perfections of God are to his people
what the wings of the parent bird are to
her young, at once their protection and
their comfort.

September 15.—EVENING.

AMEND your ways and your doings, and
obey the voice of the Lord your God.—
Jer. xxvi. 13.

Bless'd are those servants who obey,
Whatever ills betide;
Though snares and deaths before them lay,
Faithful they still abide.

Every day there is need for amendment,
and obedience to the voice of God is always
in season.

September 16.—MORNING.

He doeth according to his will.—Dan. iv. 35.

In heaven, and earth, and air, and seas,
He executes his firm decrees;
And by his saints it stands confessed,
That what he does is ever best.

The will of God is the highest rule of rectitude, therefore our daily prayer should be, "Thy will be done." ✓✓✓

September 16.—EVENING.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find.—Matt. vii. 7.

Sweet precept, and sweet promise, Lord,
I'll ask, encouraged by thy word;
Now shall my wants be all supplied,
For Christ has promised, Christ has died!

No direction can be more plain, no promise can be more positive; let us ask and expect, seek and anticipate. ✓✓✓

September 16. I received this book of the Lord's will in 1887.

September 17.—MORNING.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not
all his benefits.—Ps. ciii: 2.

Forgive the song that falls so low,
Beneath the gratitude I owe!
It means thy praise, however poor,
An angel's song can do no more.

Whatever the Lord does for us, however
painful, is a benefit, and therefore calls for
praise and thanksgiving.

September 17.—EVENING.

THE earth shall be full of the knowledge of
the Lord as the waters cover the sea.—Isa.
xi. 9.

O let the kingdoms of the world,
Become the kingdoms of our Lord!
Let saints and angels praise thy name,
Be thou through heaven and earth ador'd.

If we are truly spiritual, we shall ardently
long, and earnestly pray, that truth may
spread, and the kingdom of Jesus increase.

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September 18.—MORNING.

God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.—Gal. vi. 14.

Inscribed upon the cross we see,
In shining letters, "GOD IS LOVE,"
He bears our sins upon the tree,
And brings us mercy from above.

The ground of our hope, and the object of our boast, is the cross; on this we rest for acceptance, and in this we rejoice and glory.

September 18.—EVENING.

WHAT shall I do, Lord?—Acts xxii. 10.

To him who on the fatal tree,
Pour'd out his life, his blood for me,
In grateful strains my voice I'll raise,
And in his service spend my days.

There is something for every Christian to do, and each one should go to the Lord with this inquiry—WHAT SHALL I DO, LORD?

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ALL I DO,

The world is like a pageant, which, while we look at it, passes on and is gone; let us therefore daily set our hearts on things beyond it, even on those things which are eternal.

September 20.—MORNING.

The Lord shall guide thee continually, and shall satisfy thy soul in drought.—Isa. lviii. 11.

The Lord Jehovah is my guide,
He doth, and will for me provide;
And in the mount it shall be seen,
How kind and generous he hath been.

When accepted of God in Jesus, we walk in accordance with his word, he will guide and satisfy our souls.

September 20.—EVENING.

If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.—Rev. iii. 20.

Enter my heart, Redeemer blest,
Enter, thou ever-honoured guest;
Enter, and make my heart thine own,
Thy house, thy temple, and thy throne.

Jesus speaks to us, he asks admission of us, he proposes to hold fellowship with us to-night.

September 21.—MORNING.

THY name is as ointment poured forth.—
Song i. 3.

Thy name shall prove our joy and boast,
Our rock of hope and bulwark strong;
Our anchor when the ship is toss'd,
Thy children's everlasting song.

The name of Jesus is unspeakably sweet
and precious to the spiritual mind; the
more spiritual we are the more precious
Jesus is. LL

September 21.—EVENING.

THE Lord preserveth the simple: I was
brought low, and he helped me.—Ps. cxvi. 6

O! may I ne'er forget,
The mercy of my God;
Nor ever want a tongue to spread
His loudest praise abroad.

The simple have no confidence in them-
selves, but they look to, trust in, and are
preserved by, the Lord. LL

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September 22.—MORNING.

I AM the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever.—John vi. 51.

This precious food my heart revives,
What strength, what nourishment it gives !
O let me evermore be fed
With this divine, celestial bread.

If we can live without Christ, we are dead in our sins ; but if he is our daily food, we are undoubtedly born of God.

September 22.—EVENING.

BEING now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.—Rom. v. 9.

For this he came and dwelt on earth,
For this his life was given;
For this he fought and vanquish'd death,
For this he pleads in heaven.

When the Saviour shed his blood, his work on earth was finished, and by that work we are justified; being justified, salvation is certain.

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September 23.—MORNING.

STRENGTHEN ye the weak hands, and con-
firm the feeble knees.—Isa. xxxiv. 3.

Weak as you are, you shall not faint,
Or, fainting, shall not die,
Jesus, the strength of every saint,
Will aid you from on high.

The weak are the especial objects of the
Saviour's care, he is their strength, and
will perfect his strength in their weakness.

September 23.—EVENING.

WE look not at the things which are seen,
but at the things which are not seen.—
2 Cor. iv. 18.

I love by faith to take a view
Of brighter scenes in heaven;
The prospect doth my faith renew,
While here by tempests driven.

To look is to aim at; the object of the
Christian's aim is nothing visible, but the
glories of the invisible world.

September 24.—MORNING.

CHRIST is the head of the church, and he is the Saviour of the body.—Eph. v. 3.

Since Christ and we are one,
Why should we doubt or fear?
As he in heaven has fix'd his throne,
He'll find members there.

Christ and his people are one: he is the head, they are the body; he is the foundation, they are the building. L L V

September 24.—EVENING.

THOU hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities.—Ps. xxxi. 7.

Though heaven afflicts, I'll not repine,
Each heartfelt comfort still is mine;
Comforts that shall o'er death prevall,
And journey with me through the vale.

The Lord always acknowledges his people in poverty and toil, he considers, sanctifies, and removes their troubles. L L V

September 25.—MORNING.

REJOICE in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.—Phil. iv. 4.

Rejoice, believer, in the Lord,
Who makes your cause his own,
The hope that's built upon his word
Can ne'er be overthrown.

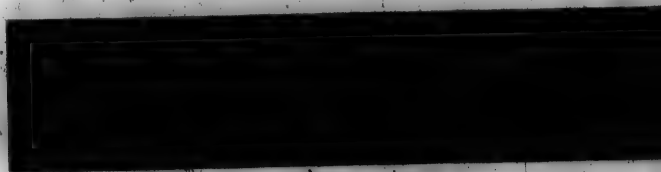
A happy Christian is an ornament to his profession, but a gloomy professor dishonours it; let us aim to be happy in God under all circumstances.

September 25.—EVENING.

CHRIST loved the church, and gave himself for it.—Eph. v. 25.

Sure there was never love so free,
Dear Saviour, so divine!
Well thou may'st claim that heart of me,
Which owes so much to thine.

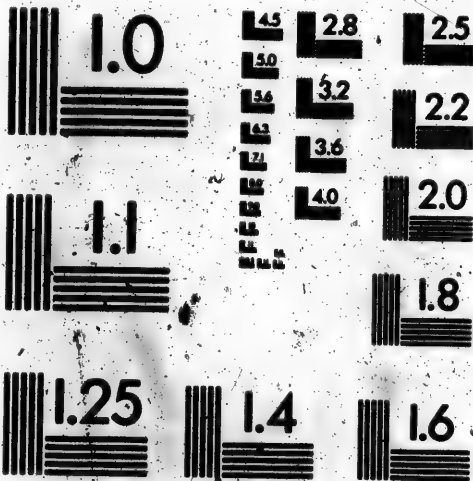
The church of Christ comprises all who have, or do, or will, believe on him; all such are the objects of his love and the purchase of his death.





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September 26.—MORNING.

It is good for me that I have been afflicted ;
that I might learn thy statutes.—Pa. cxix.
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Afflictions make us love the word,
Stir up our hearts to prayer ;
And many a precious proof afford
Of our Redeemer's care.

Every child of God is sent to the school of
affliction, here the most valuable lessons
are taught, and so taught that they can-
not be forgotten.

September 26.—EVENING.

My son, give me thine heart.—Prov. xxiii.
26.

Yes, thou shalt surely have my heart,
My soul, my strength, my all ;
With life itself I'll freely part,
My Jesus ! at thy call.

The Lord created the heart for himself, he
claims it, he will be satisfied with nothing
less, and it is robbery to keep it from him.

September 27.—MORNING.

THAT ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.—Heb. vi. 12.

Destroy my sloth, new vigour give,
My faith and patience, Lord, revive;
With holy fervour make me run,
To win the prize, and wear the crown.

Sloth dishonours God, and injures us; let us therefore copy the lively, devoted, zealous servants of God.

September 27.—EVENING.

JESUS wept. Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him.—John xi. 35, 36.

Still his compassions are the same,
He knows the frailty of our frame
Our heaviest burdens he sustains,
Shares in our sorrows, and our pains.

The love of Jesus is strong as omnipotence, and his sympathy is exquisitely tender; let us appeal to it in every distress.

September 28.—MORNING.

I WILL put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.—Jer. xxxii. 40.

The fear of the Lord forbids us to yield,
It sharpens our sword, and strengthens our shield,
Then cry we to heaven with one loud accord,
That to us be given the fear of the Lord.

In the new covenant God not only promises us blessings, but engages that we shall not finally forfeit them.

September 28.—EVENING.

ONE is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.—Matt. xxiii. 8.

Jesus, my Master now I call,
And consecrate to him my all:
Lord let me live and die to thee,
Be thine through all eternity.

He that saves us, ought to rule us; the will of Christ is our law; in the church all are brethren, and ought to live in the exercise of fraternal love.

September 29.—MORNING.

YE are not your own, for ye are bought
with a price: therefore glorify God.—1 Cor.
vi. 19, 20.

Lord, we are thine, bought with the price
Of thy most precious blood;
By thee our souls have been set free,
By thee we joy in God.

If the blood of Jesus purchased us, the
Spirit of Jesus will claim us, and the word
of Jesus must rule us.

September 29.—EVENING.

HE shall stand at the right hand of the
poor, to save him from those that condemn
his soul.—Ps. cix. 31.

In prosperity be near,
To preserve me in thy fear;
In affliction let thy smile
All the woes of life beguile.

If Satan stand to resist us, Jesus will de-
fend us: whoever may be our accusers,
Jesus will be our advocate.

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September 30.—MORNING.

SHEW me a token for good ; that they which
hate me may see it and be ashamed.—
Ps. lxxxvi. 17.

O that my Saviour would impart
Some token of his love,
To comfort my desponding heart,
And make it mount above.

A ray of light from God's countenance, and
the interpositions of Divine providence, are
tokens for good which we may earnestly
seek and expect.

September 30.—EVENING.

THE God of peace shall bruise Satan under
your feet shortly.—Rom. xvi. 20.

Let Satan do his worst,
And he his worst will do ;
— But I have made the Lord my trust,
And he will bring me through.

Jesus has bruised Satan under his feet,
and our God will soon bruise him under
ours, and clothe him with everlasting con-
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October 1.—MORNING.

THE Lord will not forsake his people for
his great name's sake.—1 Sam. xii. 22.

Though sometimes unperceived by sense,
Faith sees him always near;
A Guide, a Glory, a Defence,
Then what have you to fear?

The grace that made us Christians will
keep us so; the Lord will not abandon us
for his name's sake.

October 1.—EVENING.

ONE is your Father, which is in heaven.—
Matt. xxiii. 9.

Art thou my Father? I'll depend
Upon the care of such a friend;
And only wish to do and be
Whatever seemeth good to thee.

Our Father ever liveth, ever loveth, and
ever careth for us; we can never be orphans,
or have ground for despondency or despair.

October 2.—MORNING.

EXCEPT ye eat the flesh of the Son of man,
and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.
—John vi. 53.

Increase our faith, and hope, and love,
Lord, give us all that's good;
We would thy full salvation prove,
And eat thy flesh and blood.

What food is to the body, that Christ is to
the true believer's soul, and the body could
as well live without food, as the soul with-
out Christ.

October 2.—EVENING.

WHO then is willing to consecrate his ser-
vice this day unto the Lord.—1 Chron.
xxix. 5.

Fain would I now surrender make,
Of my whole self to thee;
Jesus, the humble offering take
Unworthy though it be.

It is well often to renew our consecration,
to give ourselves afresh to the Lord, and
to dedicate our talents to his service.

October 3.—MORNING.

HELP me, O Lord my God : O save me according to thy mercy.—Ps. cix. 26.

Help me to trust thy gracious word,
Help me to watch and pray ;
And give me patiently to bear
The trials of the way.

A sense of weakness is a preservative from danger, for this preserves from self-dependence, and urges us to cry to the strong for strength. ✓✓

October 3.—EVENING.

THOU art my hope, O Lord God ; thou art my trust from my youth.—Ps. lxxi. 5.

In early years thou wast my guide,
And of my youth the friend ;
And as my days began with thee,
With thee my days shall end.

The Lord has been our hope and our confidence hitherto, and he will not forsake us now. ✓✓

October 4.—MORNING.

If I do that I would not, it is no more I
that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.—
Rom. vii. 20.

Lord, free me from this deadly foe,
Which keeps my faith and hope so low;
I long to dwell in heaven my home,
Where not one sinful thought can come.

The Christian's heart is turned against sin,
he hates it, and longs to be free from it;
but it still dwells in him. L

October 4.—EVENING.

I WILL bless the Lord, who hath given me
counsel.—Ps. xvi. 7.

His counsels and upholding care
My safety and my comfort are;
And he shall guide me all my days,
Till glory crown the work of grace.

The Lord hath counselled us in his word,
in reference to every subject of importance;
happy is the man who takes counsel of his
God and abides by it. L L

October 5.—MORNING.

THE iniquity of Israel shall be sought for,
and there shall be none.—Jer. 1. 20.

Their sins more numerous than the stars,
In Jesus' blood are drowned ;
And Zion's God in love declares
" Their sins shall not be found."

So completely does God blot out our sins
when we believe in Jesus, that we stand
before him as though we had never sinned ;
completely justified.

October 5.—EVENING.

BUT it is good for me to draw near to God,
—Ps. lxxiii. 28.

O teach me, Lord, to wait thy will,
To be content with all thou dost ;
For me thy grace sufficient still,
With most supplied, when needing most.

It is not good to complain, or murmur or
give way to doubts and fears ; but it is
good to cast all our cares on our God, and
leave them there.

October 6.—MORNING.

Let him trust in the Lord, and stay upon his God.—Isa. l. 10.

When we in darkness walk,
Nor feel the heavenly flame;
This is the time to trust in God,
And rest upon his name.

Darkness sometimes envelopes the child of light, this distresses him, but it ought not to disturb his confidence, for God is his Father still.

October 6.—EVENING.

HOPE thou in God; for I shall yet praise him.—Ps. xlii. 11.

Why, when storms around you gather,
Should your trembling spirits sink?
Look to God your heavenly Father,
And of his sweet promise think.

However dark the prospect at present, it will soon brighten; however dreary that night, it will only make the day of deliverance more welcome.

October 7.—MORNING.

Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.—Deut. xxxiii. 25.

Let not thy heart despond and say,
"How shall I stand the trying day?"
He has engaged by firm decree,
That as thy days thy strength shall be.

The day and the strength are always connected; not strength before the day, but in the day, and as the day.

October 7.—EVENING.

He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.—Matt. x. 38.

To them the cross with all its shame,
With all its grace is given;
Their name—an everlasting name,
Their joy—the joy of heaven.

We must bear the cross after Jesus, if we would wear the crown; now we follow him in tears, soon we shall stand before him with songs.

October 8.—MORNING.

WHO maketh thee to differ from another,
and what hast thou that thou didst not re-
ceive?—1 Cor. iv. 7.

What was there in you that could merit esteem,
Or give the Creator delight?

'Twas even so, Father, you ever must sing,
Because it seemed good in thy sight.

If we differ in a spiritual sense from those
around us, grace alone made the difference,
and if grace made us to differ, we ought to
be humble.

October 8.—EVENING.

DELIVER me, O Lord, from mine enemies:
I flee unto thee to hide me.—Ps. cxliii. 9.

Let me in thy name confide,
Let me in thy bosom hide;
There in safety would I stay,
Till the storm has pass'd away.

In every time of danger, in every season of
fear, we may look to the Lord for deliver-
ance, and seek shelter and safety in him.

October 9.—MORNING.

My meditation of him shall be sweet; I
will be glad in the Lord.—Ps. civ. 34.

'Tis sweet to meditate on him,
Who saved my soul from death;
His grace and love shall be my theme,
While he allows me breath.

If we meditate on Jesus we shall love him;
and the more we love him, the more we
shall meditate upon him.

October 9.—EVENING.

I SAID, I shall not see the Lord, even the
Lord, in the land of the living.—Isa.
xxxviii. 11.

Fancy will be often painting
Scenes in dark and fearful shade,
Yet why should thy soul be fainting,
Of prospective woes afraid.

Many besides Hezekiah have made such a
mistake; nature is always in haste: but
grace is willing to wait.

October 10.—MORNING.

O THAT I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me.—Job xxix. 2.

O that my soul as heretofore,
 Could with delight and love explore,
 Those sacred sweets in Jesus' name,
 That once my raptured soul o'ercame.

If we would be as we were once, we must retrace our steps, and return to the Lord afresh, exercising faith in his word, and hope in his mercy. L L

October 10.—EVENING.

THAT ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer.—
 2 Thess. i. 5.

They suffer with their Lord below,
 They reign with him above;
 Their profit and their joy to know
 The mystery of love.

A bold, fearless, profession of Christ often exposes to suffering, but it is an honour to suffer for Jesus, and such sufferings will terminate in glory. L L

October 11.—MORNING.

CAST me not away from thy presence ; and
take not thy Holy Spirit from me.—Pa. li.
11.

When pride and self begin to swell,
The Comforter departs ;
The high and lofty One will dwell
In humble broken hearts.

We are not more indebted to the work of
Christ for our justification, than we are to
the work of the Holy Spirit for our sancti-
fication.

October 11.—EVENING.

I WOULD seek unto God, and unto God
would I commit my cause.—Job v. 8.

Resign, and all the load of life,
That moment you remove ;
Its heavy tax, ten thousand cares,
Devolve on one above.

In everything we should consult God's will,
apply at his throne, and submit to his wise
and holy providence.

October 12.—MORNING.

HE was strong in faith, giving glory to God.
—Rom. iv. 20.

O could I, with a steady faith,
Believe what God my Father saith,
Then should I glorify him more,
And his unbounded grace adore.

Nothing can be more plain than God's promises, or more simple than faith ; and yet it requires the power of the Holy Ghost to make us believe them.

October 12.—EVENING.

WHEN he hath tried me, I shall come forth
as gold.—Job. xxiii. 10.

Saints indeed are sorely tried,
Troubles rise on every side ;
Nor are they exempt within,
Nothing tries like inward sin.

Every trial is limited, it has an end to accomplish, and when the end is answered, it will be immediately removed.

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October 13.—MORNING.

He shall feed his flock like a Shepherd.—
Isa. xl. 11.

Dear Jesus, be thou my Shepherd and Guide,
No want shall I know, since thou dost provide,
When danger attends me, to thee I would fly,
The arm that defends me, my needs shall supply.

Jesus has a shepherd's eye and a shepherd's
heart, he watches over, and is intensely
interested in, his flock.

October 13.—EVENING.

ALL power is given unto me in heaven and
in earth.—Matt. xxviii. 18.

All power to Christ is given ;
He ever reigns the same ;
Salvation, happiness, and heaven,
Are all in Jesus' name.

Jesus has not only omnipotent power, but
universal authority: he can do as he will,
and what he wills is done.

October 14.—MORNING.

COME unto me, all ye that labour, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.—Matt. xi. 28.

On Jesus cast your weighty cares,
And lean upon his breast;
His love shall silence all your fears,
For he will give you rest.

The words of Jesus are always the same, "Come unto me;" his promise ever stands good, "I will give you rest;" approach and prove. *W*

October 14.—EVENING.

SHALL he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him.—Job xl. 2.

I would not contend with thy will,
Whatever that will may decree;
But O, may each trial I feel,
Unite me more firmly to thee.

Few formally contend with God, but most of us do so in spirit, but in this we display our folly, and pride, and ingratitude. *L*

October 15.—MORNING.

SURELY he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows.—Isa. liii. 4.

Our woes the prince of life has borne,
He felt the scourge and cruel thorn;
The sorrows of his bleeding heart
Pardon and life to us impart.

Jesus was punished in our stead, he expiated our sins by his sufferings and death, what we deserved he endured.

October 15.—EVENING.

I HAVE chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.—Isa. xlviii. 10.

In the furnace God is nigh,
Feels our troubles, hears our cry;
Brings us out, and by it proves
That he chastens whom he loves.

The Lord chose his people in eternity, but he makes them choice ones in the furnace of affliction; there he purges, and makes them pure.

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October 16.—MORNING.

FOR so is the will of God, that with well-
doing ye may put to silence the ignorance
of foolish men.—1 Pet. ii. 15.

Let prudence, tenderness, and love,
Through all my actions shine;
Then shall my conversation prove
My faith and hope divine.

Sinners are to be silenced by our deeds,
rather than by our words; they may refuse
to hear us speak, but they cannot help see-
ing us walk.

October 16.—EVENING.

WALK worthy of the vocation wherewith
ye are called.—Eph. iv. 1.

Where is that holy walk that suits
The name and character we bear?
And where are seen those heavenly fruits
That show we're not what once we were?

We are called from heaven, and we are
called to heaven: therefore our conversa-
tion should be heavenly.

October 17.—MORNING.

HELP us, O God of our salvation ; for the
glory of thy name.—Ps. lxxix. 9.

Help us to see thy gracious care
In each divine supply ;
That we may love the helping hand
That brings salvation nigh.

The God that saves us from our sins will
help us out of our troubles ; he can glorify
his name by so doing.

October 17.—EVENING.

WILL the Lord cast off for ever ; and will
he be favourable no more.—Ps. lxxvii. 7.

Cease that dark anticipation,
Still let love and faith abound ;
For the day of tribulation
Strength sufficient will be found.

The Lord hath not cast off at all, it is only
our unbelief that concludes so : he is still
gracious, merciful, and abundant in good-
ness.

October 18.—MORNING.

THERE is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus.—Rom. viii. 1.

Ye tempted and tried, to Jesus draw nigh,
He suffer'd and died, your wants to supply;
Trust him for salvation, you need not to grieve,
There's no condemnation to them that believe.

The blood of Jesus blots out every charge;
and the righteousness of Jesus justifies
from all things.

October 18.—EVENING.

AND he, bearing his cross, went forth into a place called Golgotha.—John xix. 17.

The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him.
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

What a sight for angels and glorified spirits
—the Creator of the universe, a condemned
criminal, carrying his cross to the place of
execution.

October 19.—MORNING.

THE Lord is thy keeper ; the Lord is thy
shade upon thy right hand.—Ps. cxxi. 6.

Preserve me from the snares of sin,
Through my remaining days ;
And in me let each virtue shine,
To my Redeemer's praise.

We need an omniscient eye, and an al-
mighty arm, to keep us safe ; and both are
constantly engaged for us.

October 19.—EVENING.

HE giveth power to the faint ; and to them
that have no might he increaseth strength.
—Isa. xl. 29.

He gives the conquest to the weak,
Supports the sinking heart ;
And courage, in the evil hour,
His heavenly aids impart.

Weak Christians are the special objects of
the Lord's care ; he is always nigh to
strengthen and support them.

October 20.—MORNING.

ALL we like sheep have gone astray ; we
have turned every one to his own way ;
and the Lord hath laid on him the ini-
quity of us all.—Isa. liii. 6.

Like sheep we have strayed in folly and sin,
But Jesus is made a surety divine ;
He for our offences did fully atone,
That he might advance us to sit on his throne.

We wandered, and our Shepherd bore the
blame ; he died for us, and we live for ever

October 20.—EVENING.

SAY ye to the righteous, that it shall be
well with him.—Isa. iii. 10.

'Tis well when on the mount,
They feast on Jesus' love ;
And 'tis well in God's account,
When his face prove.

If righteous, there is no condemnation, no
curse, no separation from Christ ; but every-
thing must ultimately issue in our welfare.

October 21.—MORNING.

My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.—Exod. xxiii. 14.

Cheerful I'll walk the desert through,
If with thy presence bless'd;
Nor fear what earth or hell can do,
For thou wilt give me rest.

Our God has engaged to go with us every step of our journey, and to introduce us to eternal rest at the end of it.

October 21.—EVENING.

Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.—Ps. xc. 12.

Almighty Maker of my name,
Teach me the measure of my days;
Teach me to learn how frail I am,
And spend the remnant to thy praise.

As our days at best are few and uncertain, it should be our first concern to prepare for eternity, and spend our time for God's glory.

October 22.—MORNING.

PREPARE to meet thy God, O Israel.—Amos iv. 12.

O God, my soul for death prepare,
To me that wisdom give,
To spend each day as though it were
The last I have to live.

Union to Jesus, and an interest in his work, gives us an actual readiness to meet our God, but only the Holy Spirit can keep us habitually ready.

October 22.—EVENING.

ZION said, the Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.—Isa. xlix. 14.

The tender parent may forget
The infant she has nursed with care;
But God has ne'er forgotten yet,
One soul that sought his face by prayer.

Our conclusions are often rash and unfounded, and we distress ourselves without the least reason for it.

October 23.—MORNING.

GOD, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you.
Eph. iv. 32.

Jesus his life a ransom gave,
He freely died our souls to save;
And hence the God of love forgives
The vilest sinner who believes.

Jesus procured our pardon by his sacrifice,
and our heavenly Father bestows it upon
us in his name, and for his sake; we have
a full pardon on the ground of an infinite
atonement. L L L

October 23.—EVENING.

BEHOLD, here am I, let him do to me as
seemeth good unto him.—2 Sam. xv. 26.

Fill my heart with deep contrition,
Take away the heart of stone;
And may I, with true submission,
Meekly say, "Thy will be done!"

Never was David in a better frame than
when he thus put himself unto the hands
of the Lord, and left himself to his disposal.

October 24.—MORNING.

HAVING loved his own which were in the world; he loved them unto the end.—John xiii. 1.

When troubles attend, or danger or strife,
His love will defend and guard us thro' life;
And when we are fainting, and ready to die,
Whatever is wanting his hand will supply.

As Jesus is always the same, his love can never vary; having once loved his people, he loves them to the end.

October 24.—EVENING.

As he which hath called you is holy, so be ye also holy in all manner of conversation. 1 Pet. i. 15.

Pure may I be, averse to sin,
Just, holy, merciful, and true;
And let thine image formed within,
Shine out in all I speak and do.

We are called by a holy God to believe a holy gospel, to walk by a holy law, and go to a holy heaven.

My dear Daughter Winnie's birthday
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October 25.—MORNING.

Be diligent that ye may be found of him
in peace, without spot and blameless.—
2 Pet. iii. 14

I would be active in the path
Of duty here below;
While steadfast hope and lively faith
Support and bear me through.

We should ever keep the coming of Jesus
in view, and so act as neither to be afraid
or ashamed to meet him at any moment.

October 25.—EVENING.

God is our refuge and strength, a very pre-
sent help in trouble.—Ps. xli. 1.

What troubles can their hearts o'erwhelm,
Who view a Saviour near?
Whose Father sits and guides the helm,
Whose voice forbids their fear.

To God as our refuge we should repair, in
him as our strength we should trust, and
on him as present, we should call in every
trouble.

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October 26.—MORNING. 1899.

TAKE heed, and beware of covetousness.—
Luke xii. 15.

Lord, save me from an earthly mind,
My noble powers were not designed
To rest in aught the world can give
O let me in thy fulness live.

Covetousness grows upon us insensibly, and
injures us as it grows; it assumes the place
of God, and makes us idolaters: "TAKE
HEED."

October 26.—EVENING.

I WILL restore comforts unto him, and to
his mourners.—Isa. lvii. 18.

Drooping mourner, canst thou languish,
Near the great Consoler's feet?
He can give thee joy for anguish:
Seek him at the mercy-seat.

Sin destroys our comforts, and fills us with
gloom; but the Lord in mercy restores
them, and clears our sky.

October 27.—MORNING.

SAY unto my soul, I am thy salvation.—
Ps. xxxv. 3.

I could the joys of life resign,
And wait to see my end;
Might I but know that thou art mine,
My Saviour and my Friend.

Assurance is a blessing we cannot too highly
value or too earnestly seek: it is the
flower of faith, and a source of sweetest
joy.

October 27.—EVENING.

REJOICING in hope; patient in tribulation;
continuing instant in prayer.—Rom. xii.
12.

If providence our comforts shroud,
And dark distresses lower;
Hope prints its rainbow on the cloud,
And grace shines through the shower.

Hope, patience, and prayer, should always
be in exercise: we should hope in God,
patiently do the will of God, and constant-
ly call upon God.

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October 28.—MORNING.

WHETHER we live, we live unto the Lord;
and whether we die, we die unto the Lord.
—Rom. xiv. 8.

May my constant study be,
While I live to live to thee;
Let it be my steady aim,
Still to glorify thy name.

Jesus and his glory should be our great end
in life and in death; that it might be so
he gave himself for us, and gives his Holy
Spirit to us.

October 28.—EVENING.

THE Lord preserveth all them that love
him.—Ps cxlv. 20.

Saints are always in his keeping,
And he always keeps them well;
Rising, resting, waking, sleeping,
He preserves from death and hell.

No one needs keeping more than a Chris-
tian, and it is his mercy to be kept with
the greatest care: the Lord keeps him as
the apple of his eye.

October 29.—MORNING.

THANKS be unto God for his unspeakable gift.—2 Cor. ix. 15.

Praise his name who died to save us,
 'Tis by him his people live;
 And in him the Father gave us
 All that boundless love could give.

God can give us nothing greater than his Son, and can we think that he will withhold anything less? having given Jesus he will give all that is good.

October 29.—EVENING.

THOU in faithfulness hast afflicted me.—Ps. cxix. 75.

'Tis sweet, though trials may not cease,
 Though pain afflict, though fears appal,
 To feel my comforts still increase,
 And say, "My Father sends them all."

God has promised to be a Father to us, and to visit our transgressions with a rod; our afflictions, therefore, are proofs of his faithfulness, love, and care.

October 30.—MORNING.

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept.—1 Cor. xv. 20.

Then doubt no more, ye saints, nor grieve,
The Lord is risen, is risen indeed;
Because he lives, his saints shall live,
Shall live with him, their glorious head.

The resurrection of Jesus proves that his work is accepted, and lays a firm foundation for our faith and hope.

October 30.—EVENING.

Do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God.—Micah v. 8.

In vain we talk of Jesus' blood,
And boast his name in vain,
If we can slight the laws of God,
And prove unjust to men.

Every believer is required to keep this law; and be just to all, merciful to sufferers, and humble before God.

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October 31.—MORNING.

I OVERCAME, and am set down with my
Father on his throne.—Rev. iii. 21.

To him whom men despise and alight,
To him be glory given;
The crown is his, and his by right
The highest place in heaven.

Jesus once conquered for us, and he will
certainly conquer in us, and then he will
glorify us with himself.

October 31.—EVENING.

THAT your faith and hope might be in God.
—1 Pet. i. 21.

Let tempests rage, and billows rise,
And mortal firmness shrink;
Our anchor fastens in the skies,
Our bark no storm can sink.

God raised Jesus from the dead, and gave
him glory, that we might steadily believe
his promises, and expect the blessings pro-
cured for us by his atonement.

November 1.—MORNING.

WHITHER the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus.—Heb. vi. 20.

Raise, raise, my soul, thy raptured sight,
With sacred wonder and delight;
Jesus, thy own forerunner see,
Enter'd beyond the veil for thee.

Jesus has entered the holiest for us; we now follow in his footsteps, and shall soon sit down on his throne; until then, let us copy his example.

November 1.—EVENING.

BRETHREN, the time is short.—1 Cor. vii.
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The time is short; oh, who can tell
How short his time below may be;
To-day on earth his soul may dwell,
To-morrow in eternity.

Our time below is brief, and therefore very important; let us employ it so as to improve it; let us live for God and eternity.

November 2.—MORNING.

He knoweth our frame, he remembereth
that we are dust.—Ps. ciii. 14.

Jehovah knows how weak we are,
And makes our feeble life his care,
Strength he proportions to the day,
Rememb'ring that we are but clay.

Our God knows us perfectly, and never
loses sight of our frailty and infirmities;
no father ever pitied his child as God
pities us.

November 2.—EVENING.

As for me, I will call upon God; and the
Lord shall save me.—Ps. lv. 16.

When disciplined by long distress,
And led through paths of fear and woe,
Say, dost thou love thy children less?
No, ever gracious Father—No.

Whatever our trials may be, whatever
others may do, be this our solemn pur-
pose, "*I will call upon God;*" so shall we
be safe.

November 3.—MORNING.

Ye believe in God, believe also in me.—
John xiv. 1.

His word demands my steady faith,
His promises are firm and true;
I would rely on what he saith,
And yield to him obedience due.

Jesus is the immediate object of our faith;
our confidence in him cannot be too strong;
he suffered for us; he will bless us.

November 3.—EVENING.

My beloved is mine, and I am his.—Song
ii. 16.

If Christ is mine, then all is mine,
And more than angels know.
Both present things, and things to come,
And grace and glory too.

If Christ is the object of our desire and
affection, he is ours, and if he is ours, we
are his: this union is the source of all that
is good and great.

November 4.—MORNING.

He that hath the Son hath life, and he
that hath not the Son of God hath not life.
—1 John v. 12.

Endless life in him possessing,
Let us praise his precious name,
Glory, honour, power, and blessing,
Be for ever to the Lamb.

If we have received Christ as God's free
gift, eternal life is ours; if we have not re-
ceived him, he is still presented to us.

November 4.—EVENING.

GREATER love hath no man than this, that
a man lay down his life for his friends.—
John xv. 13.

Jesus hath died that I might live,
Might live to God alone;
In him eternal life receive,
And be in spirit one.

Jesus died for us when enemies, to make
us his friends; and having reconciled us to
himself, we now live to him, and for him.

November 5.—MORNING.

THE love of Christ, which passeth knowledge.—Eph. iii. 19.

When we think of love like this,
Joy and shame our hearts possess,
Joy—that thou couldst pity thus,
Shame—for such returns from us.

The love of Jesus is infinite as his nature,
and eternal as his existence: therefore beyond our knowledge. O to enjoy it more.

November 5.—EVENING.

I WILL give them an heart to know me.—
Jer. xxiv. 7.

Give me Thyself: from every boast
From every wish set free;
Let all I am in thee be lost,
But give thyself to me.

We never know God until he gives us the heart to know him; and after we do know him, we can be satisfied with nothing short of himself.

November 6.—MORNING.

AFTER he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.—Heb. vi. 15.

And with humble patience still,
I would wait my Father's will;
In the path of duty run,
Till the task of life is done.

Faith believes the promise, hope expects it, and patience quietly waits for it. Believing, hoping, and quiet waiting, make a Christian happy.

November 6.—EVENING.

GOD, according to his promise, raised unto Israel a Saviour, JESUS.—Acts xiii. 23.

A Saviour doubles all my joys,
And sweetens all my pains,
His strength in my defence employs,
Consoles me and sustains.

There is no name so precious as Jesus, no office so glorious as that of Saviour: God hath raised us up a Saviour, and A GREAT ONE.

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November 7.—MORNING.

THOU art my hiding-place and my shield ;
I hope in thy word.—Ps. cxix. 114.

Be thou my all-sufficient Friend,
Till all my toils shall cease ;
Guide me through life, and let my end
Be everlasting peace.

Our safety is in our God ; let us therefore
cleave to him, walk with him, and expect
deliverance from him.

November 7.—EVENING.

THE Lord of hosts is with us ; the God of
Jacob is our refuge.—Ps. xlv. 7.

God is our joy and portion still,
When earthly good retires ;
And shall our hearts sustain and fill,
When earth itself expires.

The persuasion, that God with all his hosts
is present with us, should give us confi-
dence, courage, and peace.

November 8.—MORNING.

THEY gave their own selves to the Lord.—
2 Cor. viii. 5.

Lord, I am thine by various ties,
And thine would ever be;
My heart, my hands, my tongue, my eyes,
I give them all to thee.

Nothing is more likely to promote our holiness than to live under the impress, "*I am the Lord's.*"

November 8.—EVENING.

BE not faithless, but believing.—John xx.
27.

From faithlessness our sorrows flow;
Shortsighted mortals, weak and blind,
Bend down their eyes to earth and woe,
And doubt if providence is kind.

By faith we conquer, through unbelief we
are defeated; by faith we honour God, but
by unbelief we give place to Satan.

November 9.—MORNING.

BRING forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance.—Luke iii. 8.

Let my repentance be sincere,
Let faith in all its fruits appear;
Inflame my heart with holy love,
And fix my hope on things above.

If our repentance is genuine, reformation of life is sure; faith produces penitence, and penitence is proved by holiness. Repentance should be daily until reformation is complete.

November 9.—EVENING.

REJOICE evermore. Pray without ceasing.
—1 Thess. v. 16, 17.

In every joy that crowns my days,
In every pain I bear,
My heart shall find delight in praise,
Or seek relief in prayer.

Nothing will keep the flame of joy alive, but constant fellowship with God: if we are always to rejoice, we must without ceasing pray.

November 10.—MORNING.

THOUGH our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.—2 Cor. iv. 16.

Corruptions work and war within,
And fill me with dismay;
Lord, let thy power and grace divine
Renew me day by day.

The body must decay, the tabernacle must be taken down; but the soul may be more and more conformed to Jesus.

November 10.—EVENING.

BECAUSE of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defence.—Ps. lix. 9.

Then let my trembling soul be still,
Thy purpose though I may not see;
I'll wait thy wise, thy holy will,
All must be well since ruled by thee.

Seeing God is strong, and can deliver; is engaged to us by promise, and will deliver; upon him alone should we wait.

November 11.—MORNING.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble.—Ps. xci. 15.

His ear regards our mournful cry,
His gracious aid is ever nigh;
Then let us to his throne repair,
And seek his help by ardent prayer.

Prayer, if it be fervent and believing prayer, is sure to obtain for us the blessing we need.

November 11.—EVENING.

AND when the people complained, it displeased the Lord.—Num. xi. 1.

Should heaven with every wish comply,
Say, would the grant relieve the care?
Perhaps the good for which we sigh,
Might change its name, and prove a snare.

Who ever had less reason to complain? and yet who so ready to do it? Just so it is now, those who have the least reason complain most.

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November 12.—MORNING.

BEHOLD, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him.—Rev. i. 7.

Saviour! in that awful day,
Keep our hearts from sinking,
For ev'n now we feel dismay,
Of the season thinking.

Let us keep the coming of Jesus constantly in view, and live in daily expectation of his appearing.

November 12.—EVENING.

I AM God, even thy God.—Ps. l. 7.

I am thy God,—well, think of this,
When all things seem to go amiss;
This turns the darkest night to-day,
And saves the heart from sad dismay.

If Jehovah is our God, we should worship, believe, obey, and submit to him; and then we should rise superior to all outward circumstances.

November 13.—MORNING.

THE portion of Jacob is not like them; the Lord of hosts is his name.—Jer. x. 16.

Jacob heed not look to earth,
Since his portion is THE LORD,
Worldly cares and worldly mirth,
With his choice would ill accord.

Every believer has God for his portion, and upon God as his portion should he live, and of God as his portion should he boast.

November 13.—EVENING.

BEHOLD, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom.—Job xxviii. 28.

Who wisdom find are truly bless'd,
The tree of life is then possess'd;
Of all that's valued this is best,
'Tis present and eternal rest.

The fear of the Lord includes faith, love, worship, and obedience: such as thus fear God are truly wise.

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November 14.—MORNING.

In the morning will I direct my prayer
unto thee, and will look up.—Ps. v. 3.

In all the duties of the day
Support me by thy power;
Direct me in thy holy way,
And keep me every hour.

If the mind is spiritual, it will naturally
lift up the eye to God, and, in answer to
prayer, God will graciously look down
upon us.

November 14.—EVENING.

EVERY one that loveth is born of God, and
knoweth God.—1 John iv. 7.

This is the central point of bliss,
'Tis all I ask, 'tis all I need;
My soul is rich possess'd of this,
Without it, I am poor indeed.

Love is the great evidence of the new birth,
and that we know God by the teaching of
the Holy Spirit: all who know God love
the godly.

November 15.—MORNING.

THE soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.—Num. xxi. 4.

Your way is rough, your foes are strong,
But God will be your guard;
The conflict here will not be long,
And great is your reward.

The road to heaven is rough and rugged, it tries every principle; but the rough road is the only road.

November 15.—EVENING.

THE Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.—Luke xix. 10.

This is a faithful, cheering word,
That Jesus came to save the lost!
This truth with richest grace is stor'd,
And to the vilest yields the most.

If we are not saints, we are certainly lost sinners, and such Jesus came to save; let us go to him as such.

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November 16.—MORNING.

O LORD, I will praise thee.—Isa. xii. 1.

Let sinners saved give thanks and sing,
Of mercies past and joys to come;
The Lord their Saviour is, and King,
The cross their hope and heaven their home.

Praise should ascend to God daily, yea hourly; and yet there is no duty to which we are more backward—this proves our ingratitude.

November 16.—EVENING.

ALL things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ.—2 Cor. v. 18.

In each event of life how clear,
Thy ruling hand I see;
Each blessing to my soul more dear,
Because conferr'd by thee.

All things that pertain to our redemption, reconciliation, and final salvation, are of God; by him appointed, arranged, regulated, and directed.

November 17.—MORNING.

GREAT is our Lord, and of great power; his understanding is infinite.—Ps. cxlvii. 5.

Great as he is, his people dare
Approach him, and present their prayer;
He hears his people's cry, and grants
A full supply for all their wants.

The Lord's goodness and greatness are equal; we may therefore expect much from him, while we bow in deepest reverence before him.

November 17.—EVENING.

To wait for his Son from heaven.—1 Thess. i. 10.

We wait the coming of our Lord,
Nor do we wait that day in vain;
We cannot doubt his faithful word,
That tells us he will come again.

As the loving bride never feels satisfied while her bridegroom is away, but waits and longs for his return, just so should we for Christ's coming.

November 18.—MORNING.

CHRIST was once offered to bear the sins of many.—Heb. ix. 28.

My everlasting hope relies
On his atoning sacrifice;
Through him my peace is made in heav'n,
My guilt removed, my sin forgiven.

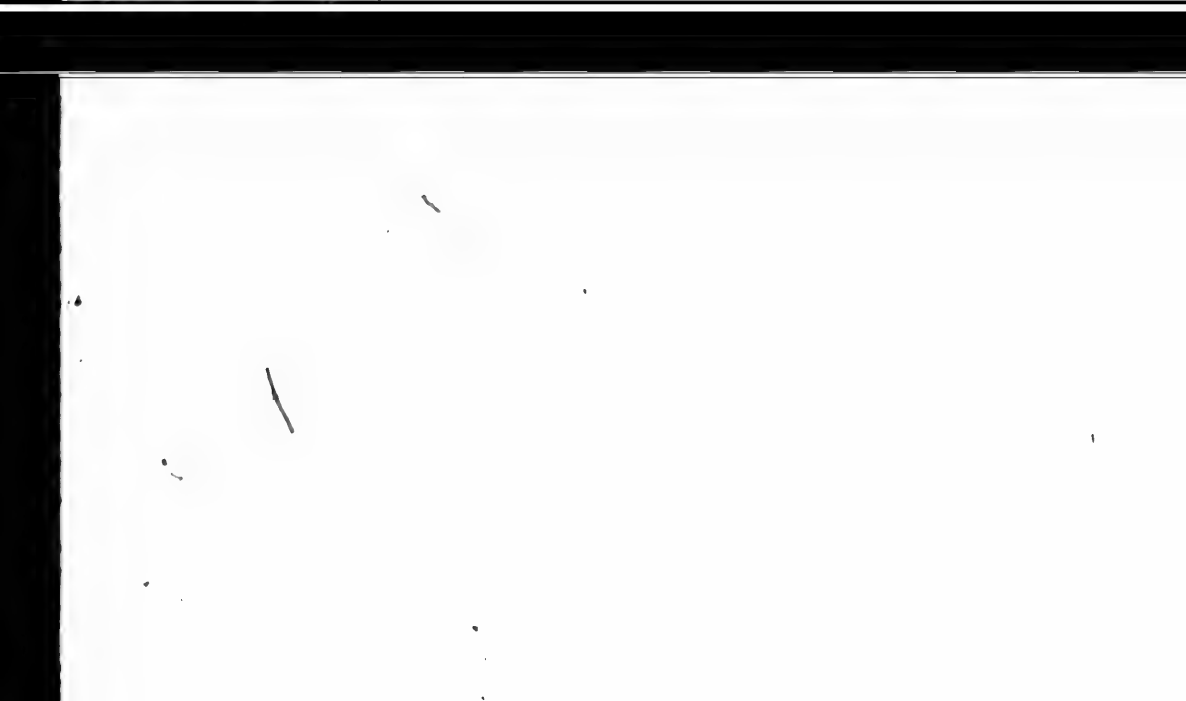
The one offering of Jesus made a full and everlasting atonement for all our sins; he is our peace: believing this, we shall be peaceful.

November 18.—EVENING.

To give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified.—Acts xx. 32.

Our souls aspire to noble things,
Beyond the world our portion lies;
Our Father is the King of kings,
And gives us everlasting joys.

God's gracious word is intended to build us up, and to convey to us a glorious inheritance; let us therefore search it, believe it, and practise it.



November 19.—MORNING.

By grace are ye saved through faith, and
that not of yourselves; it is the gift of
God.—Eph. ii. 8.

'Tis grace, and grace alone,
Has saved, and yet will save,
'Tis grace will raise us to a throne,
Will raise us from the grave.

Salvation is a favour conferred on the un-
worthy, an expression of the kindness and
love of God; if saved at all, it must be as
a favour.

November 19.—EVENING.

God hath given us everlasting consolation,
and good hope through grace.—2 Thess.
ii. 16.

Grace supports us, grace unbounded,
Hope would perish but for this;
All our hope on grace is founded;
O that sound, how sweet it is!

The consolations of the gospel reach beyond
the limits of time, and grace gives us a
well-founded hope of eternal joys.

November 20.—MORNING.

BELOVED, now are we the sons of God.—
1 John iii. 2.

Sweet truth ! it yields unceasing cause
Of wonder and of praise above ;
That man, who late accursed was,
Should be the object of such love.

Now, though poor and needy ; now, though
tried and tempted ; now, though persecuted
and hated ; now are we the sons of God.

November 20.—EVENING.

THEIR righteousness is of me, saith the
Lord.—Isa. liv. 17.

Fear not, believer, thou art mine,
Rejoice and triumph in my name ;
My strength and righteousness are thine,
Thou never shalt be put to shame.

We have no righteousness of our own to
justify us, nor can we produce one ; but
the Lord has provided one for us, and gives
it to us.

November 21.—MORNING.

PRAYING always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.—Eph. vi. 18.

Lord, let my prayer like incense rise
Before thy throne above the skies;
And my requests accepted be,
Through Jesus pleading there for me.

Prayer is always seasonable, always necessary, and always profitable; therefore prayer both publicly and privately should be offered.

November 21.—EVENING.

A FRIEND of publicans and sinners.—Matt. xi. 19.

We need not be ashamed to own,
That he on whom our hopes depend,
Though now he fills the highest throne,
Was styled on earth "*the sinner's friend*."

It was the enemies of Jesus that gave him this title; but it was so honourable to him, and so encouraging to us, that he has condescended to wear it ever since.

November 22.—MORNING.

In the Lord shall all seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory. Isa. xlv. 25.

O may my soul for ever praise
His free, his justifying grace;
And by a holy conduct prove
My interest in his saving love.

Union to Jesus gives an interest in all that he has; therefore all who are united to him are justified by his obedience unto death.

November 22.—EVENING.

ASK for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest.—Jer. vi. 16.

Were once our vain desires subdu'd,
The will resign'd, the heart at rest,
In every scene we should conclude,
The will of heaven is right and best.

The old path is believing God, the good way is obeying God, and in faith and obedience we shall find rest.

November 28.—MORNING.

In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.—Rom. viii. 37.

Our foes are strong, and many too,
Yet why these doubts and fears?
For while we keep our Lord in view,
Our strength is more than theirs.

The strength of Jesus is glorified in our weakness, and our conquests are to the honour of his name.

November 23.—EVENING.

Thy God, whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.—Dan. vi. 16.

Through waves, and clouds, and storms,
He gently clears thy way;
Wait but his time—thy darkest night
Shall end in brightest day.

The diligent servant shall never be neglected or deserted by his Lord in trouble; to him deliverance is as certain as that God can send it.

November 24.—MORNING.

CHRIST hath redeemed us from the curse
of the law, being made a curse for us.—
Gal. iii. 13.

Jesus has borne the curse for me,
From every charge to set me free,
Why should I yield to slavish fear,
If God himself pronounce me clear?

What a mystery is this! the Blessed One
made a curse, that we accursed ones might
inherit a blessing.

November 24.—EVENING.

FOR when we were yet without strength, in
due time Christ died for the ungodly.—
Rom. v. 6.

And couldst thou, my Saviour, die,
To rescue me from endless woe?
Enough! there's none more blest than I,
Since thou couldst love a sinner so.

Jesus died for ungodly sinners, and he died
for them to redeem them from iniquity
and restore them to God.

November 25.—MORNING.

HERE have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.—Heb. xiii. 14.

We've no abiding city here,
Then let us live as pilgrims do;
Let not the world our rest appear,
But let us haste from all below.

This is an enemy's land, we are only passing through it: heaven is our home, no wonder then that we meet toils, trials, and troubles.

November 25.—EVENING.

THE God of all grace hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus.—1 Pet. v. 10

Grace! 'tis a sweet, a charming theme;
My thoughts rejoice at Jesus' name:
Ye angels, dwell upon the sound,
Ye heavens, reflect it to the ground.

God is infinitely gracious, and he has displayed it, by calling insignificant worms to inherit his glorious kingdom.

November 26.—MORNING.

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall
into divers temptations.—James i. 2.

Trials prove and strengthen patience;
Trials purge the dross away;
Trials sweeten expectations
Of a bright and glorious day.

Temptations in this place are not solici-
tations to evil, but afflictions, persecutions,
and crosses.

November 26.—EVENING.

ALL things were made by him; and with-
out him was not anything made that was
made.—John i. 3.

By his own power were all things made;
By him supported all things stand;
He is the whole creation's head,
And angels fly at his command.

He that made all things is God, but Jesus
made all things, therefore Jesus is God: he
who created all things is our brother.

November 27.—MORNING.

I HAVE learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.—Phil. iv. 1.

O teach thy worm, whate'er his state,
Therewith to be content;
Thine hand to bless, thy time to wait,
And leave to thee th' event.

No one but the Lord can teach us this lesson; few learn it, and no wonder; for but few pray and strive to learn it; carnal nature cannot love it.

November 27.—EVENING

His mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.—Luke i. 50.

To those that fear and trust the Lord,
His mercy stands for ever sure;
From age to age his promise lives,
And the performance is secure.

The mercy of God is like the sun, ever communicating, but never decreasing; it is fixed on all that fear God.

November 28.—MORNING.

THE meek will he guide in judgment; and
the meek will he teach his way.—Ps. xxv. 9.

With Jesus for our guide,
The path is safe, though rough;
The promise says "I will provide,"
And faith replies, "Enough."

The meek bow to God's sovereignty, yield
to his will, consult his word, and aim at his
glory: and such he favours.

November 28.—EVENING.

BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and
thou shalt be saved.—Acts xvi. 31.

With melting heart to him apply;
Believe, and you shall never die;
Your souls, your all, to Jesus give;
For he has bled that you might live.

To the doubting Christian, as well as the
inquiring sinner, these words may be ad-
dressed: they are applicable to both alike.

November 29.—MORNING.

FATHER, I will that they also whom thou
hast given me be with me where I am.—
John xvii. 24.

Then, Lord, remove whate'er divides
Our lingering souls from thee;
'Tis fit that where the Head resides,
The members too should be.

The presence of Christ is the joy of his
people, and their presence with him is the
reward of his work; as his reward is sure,
our glory is certain.

November 29.—EVENING.

HE is despised and rejected of men; a man
of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.—
Isa. liii. 3.

Rejected and despised of men,
Behold a man of woe!
Grief was his close companion still,
Through all his life below.

Are you despising Christ? or rejecting him?
If not, do you feel your need of him, and
desire to possess him? This is a proof of
the new birth.

November 30.—MORNING.

If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.—Prov. xxiv. 10.

Faint not, Christian, though the world
Has its hostile flag unfurled;
Hold the cross of Jesus fast,
Thou shalt overcome at last.

The heavier our trials press, the more firmly we should grasp the promise; this will preserve from fainting, this will bring relief.

November 30.—EVENING.

He is the head of the body, the church.—Col. i. 18.

All our immortal hopes are laid
In thee, our Surety and our Head!
Thy cross, thy cradle, and thy throne,
Are big with glories yet unknown.

Jesus rules his church, as its Head; but he also thinks for it, feels for it, provides for it, protects it, and supplies it.

December 1.—MORNING.

DOUBTLESS thou art our Father.—Isa. lxiii.
16.

I have called thee Abba, Father,
I have set my heart on thee;
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather,
All must work for good to me.

However dark the day, however trying the
path, however severe the discipline, it is
for faith still to claim God as a Father,
and say "*All is well.*"

December 1.—EVENING.

SAY to them that are of a fearful heart, Be
strong, fear not.—Isa. xxxv. 4.

Shall I distrust my Saviour's love,
Or doubt his promised grace?
Sooner shall rocks and hills remove
Than his compassions cease.

Though our fears and doubts dishonour
the Lord, yet he is concerned for, and ten-
der over his doubting ones.

December 2.—MORNING.

AND exhorted them all, that with purpose
of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.
Acts xi. 23.

O holy Saviour! friend unseen!
Since on thine arm thou bidst us lean,
Help us, throughout life's changing scene,
By faith to cling to thee.

If Satan can get us to take our eye off Jesus,
or withdraw our confidence from him, he
can conquer us with ease.

December 2.—EVENING.

WHO hath blessed us with all spiritual
blessings in heavenly places in Christ.—
Eph. i. 3.

Father, I wait thy daily will;
Thou shalt divide my portion still;
Grant me on earth what seems thee best,
Till death and heaven reveal the rest.

All spiritual blessings are in Christ; they are
in Christ for us, as the gifts of our heavenly
Father: let us then daily apply for them.

December 8.—MORNING.

TAKE my yoke upon you, and learn of me;
for I am meek and lowly of heart.—Matt.
xi. 29.

Give me the meek, the lowly mind,
I would obedient be;
And all my rest and pleasure find
In learning, Lord, of thee.

Never was there such a teacher as Jesus, nor
are any lessons like his; let us take our place
at his feet, and learn of him to-day.

December 3.—EVENING.

Who, for the joy that was set before him,
endured the cross, despising the shame.—
Heb. xii. 2.

O, the sweet wonders of that cross,
Where God the Saviour loved and died!
Her noblest life my spirit draws
From his dear wounds and bleeding side.

Jesus kept his eye on the crown while
enduring the cross, so should we: the
cross is the way to the crown.

December 4.—MORNING.

BUT the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night.—2 Pet. iii. 10.

Oh happy day! when we shall see
And cast our longing eyes on thee;
On thee, our light, our life, our love,
Our ALL below, our heaven above.

As the day of the Lord will come suddenly, and unexpectedly, we ought to be always ready for it.

December 4.—EVENING.

UNTO them that look for him shall he appear the second time, without sin, unto salvation.—Heb. ix. 28.

Now seated on his glorious throne,
He soon will come to claim his own;
Soon shall they join his countless train,
Nor sin, nor death, afflict again.

When Jesus came the first time, it was to offer a sacrifice for sin; but when he comes the second time, it will be perfectly to deliver his people.

December 5.—MORNING.

God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.—Rev. vii. 17.

'Tis thus the Lord has fix'd a day,
To wipe his people's tears away;
Their toils, and griefs, and conflicts past,
He'll bring them to himself at last.

All our sorrows are bounded by time, we
may weep on earth, but not in heaven;
Jesus wept once, but he is full of joy now,
and so shall all his people be soon.

December 5.—EVENING.

THE Amen, the faithful and true Witness.
Rev. iii. 14.

Jesus, the faithful Witness now,
Speak by thy Spirit to my heart;
Before thy throne my soul I bow,
O, bid my doubts and fears depart!

Jesus came as a witness from God, and as a
witness for God; every word he spoke was
with all the solemnity of an oath; hence
his "Verily, verily, I say unto you."

December 6.—MORNING.

THE Father of lights, with whom is no
variableness, neither shadow of turning.—
James i. 17.

Oh let me then at length be taught
What I am still so slow to learn,
That God is love, and changes not,
Nor knows the shadow of a turn

It is one thing to admit that God is un-
changeable, and another to realize the fact
under all our changes.

December 6.—EVENING.

THE God of my mercy shall prevent me.—
Ps. lix. 10.

Let mercy, Lord, prevent me still,
And guard my soul from every ill;
Let mercy compass me around,
And guide me safe to Canaan's ground.

To prevent is to go before, in order to
benefit; the Lord has always been before-
hand with us; his mercy is great, prevent-
ing, and free.

December 7.—MORNING.

He that spared not His own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things!—
Rom. viii. 32.

We know that he who gave the best
Will give us all beside;
Assured each seeming good we ask
Is evil if denied.

All good things come to us with Christ
and through Christ; having Christ, all we
want is secured.

December 7.—EVENING.

SEEK not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye
shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.
—Luke xii. 29.

O, save me from the dreadful snare
Of discontent and worldly care!
Lest I through unbelief depart
From thee with an unthankful heart.

The concerns of time should always be secondary, and a diligent use of means should ever be accompanied with trust in God.

December 8.—MORNING.

ALL that will live godly in Christ Jesus
shall suffer persecution.—2 Tim. iii. 12.

In midst of dangers, fears, and death,
Thy goodness I'll adore;
And praise thee for thy mercies past,
And humbly hope for more.

Some persecute with the temper, some with
the tongue, some with the sword: more or
less, all the godly suffer from it.

December 8.—EVENING.

WHERE I am, there shall also my servant
be.—John xii. 26.

Where Jesus is, 'tis heaven to be,
'Tis heaven the Saviour's face to see;
We know, though all the world revile,
Celestial joy is in his smile.

We are now *where* Jesus was, and *as* Jesus
was; we shall soon be *where* he is, and *as*
he is.

December 7.—MORNING.

BLESSED be the Lord, who daily loadeth us
with benefits, even the God of our salva-
tion.—Ps. lxxviii. 19.

The debt of love to Jesus due,
I want, but I can ne'er repay;
And what a vast amount I view,
Augments it still from day to day.

The God that saves us supplies us, and if
his mercies were not so constant, they
would daily fill us with wonder.

December 9.—EVENING.

MEN ought always to pray, and not to
faint.—Luke xviii. 1.

Then let us pray, and never faint.
The prayer of faith can all things do;
Employing this, the feeblest saint
Can meet and vanquish every foe.

If prayer is not speedily answered, we are
apt to get weary, and fancy that God will
not hear us; but he loves earnestness and
importunity.

December 10.—MORNING.

Be ye not stiff-necked as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the Lord.

—2 Chron. xxx. 8.

Lord, for ever at thy side,
May my place, my portion be;
Strip me of the robe of pride,
Clothe me with humility.

Rebellion will bring rebukes; but yielding will ensure a blessing; only the humble are really happy.

December 10.—EVENING.

LITTLE children, your sins are forgiven you in his name's sake.—1 John ii. 12.

My soul, forget not what is due
To him whose suffering pardon brings;
Nor cease to keep the cross in view:
The cross will teach thee wondrous things.

Every child of God is pardoned; his pardon flows to him through the cross of Jesus, and is bestowed upon him the moment he believes.

December 11.—MORNING.

Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt.—Col. iv. 6.

Time is precious, we'll improve it,
Worldlings talk of worldly things;
Leave the world to those who love it,
'Tis not thence our comfort springs.

In few things do we fail so much or so frequently, as in introducing and maintaining profitable conversation. Watch! pray! attempt it often.

December 11.—EVENING.

THE desire of the righteous shall be granted.
—Prov. x. 24.

To thee, O Lord, I look alone;
To thee, to whom all hearts are known;
To walk with thee my soul aspires,
O satisfy my soul's desires.

Desire is the proof of life and test of nature; if our natures are holy, so will our desires be, and then God will grant them.

December 12.—MORNING.

WE know that all things work together for good to them that love God.—Rom. viii. 28.

The Christian would not have his lot
Be other than it is;
For while his Father rules the world
He knows that world is his.

In everything the Lord does or permits, he aims at our good; and we may be quite sure that he never misses his mark.

December 12.—EVENING.

PUT ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh.—Rom. xiii. 14.

Make not provision for the flesh
But mortify its powers:
Put on the Saviour with his grace,
And victory shall be yours.

If we would be just before God, we must put on the work of Christ; and if we would be consistent before men, we must put on the temper of Christ.

December 13.—MORNING.

I PRESS toward the mark for the prize of
the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.—
Phil. iii. 14.

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Arm'd by faith and wing'd by prayer,
Heaven's eternal day's before thee,
God's own hand shall guide thee there.

Life is a race; perfection is our mark, holi-
ness our course, and glory our incorruptible
crown.

December 13.—EVENING.

WHATEVER thy hand findeth to do, do it
with thy might.—Eccles. ix. 10.

Whate'er our hands shall find to do,
To-day may we with zeal pursue;
Seize fleeting moments as they fly,
And live as we would wish to die!

Every Christian should be a diligent man,
but especially in Christian duties; we have
no time to loiter or delay.

December 14.—MORNING.

HAVING made peace through the blood of his cross.—Col. i. 20.

The cross! its burden, O how great!
No strength but his could bear the weight;
No love but his would undertake
To bear it for the sinner's sake.

We have peace with God, because Jesus atoned for our sins, and answered all the claims of divine justice.

December 14.—EVENING.

BLESSED are they that hear the word of God and keep it.—Luke xi. 28.

To read thy word my heart incline;
To understand it, light impart:
O Saviour, make me wholly thine!
Take full possession of my heart.

It is an unspeakable privilege to have God's word, but it brings great responsibility with it: may we read, believe, and practise it.

December 15.—MORNING.

MY soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.—Ps. lxi. 5.

O teach me, Lord, to wait thy will,
To be content with all thou dost;
For me thy grace sufficient still,
With most supplied when needing most.

Hope in God should always be accompanied with waiting upon God; we may confidently expect all he has promised, but we must wait his time, which is always best.

December 15.—EVENING.

WHY art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me?—Ps. xlii. 5.

Why, O my soul, why thus deprest,
And whence this anxious fear?
Let former favours fix thy trust,
And check the rising tear.

We ought not to give way to gloomy thoughts or depressing suspicions; but rather turn everything into prayer.

December 16.—MORNING.

LET us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus.—Heb. xii. 1, 2.

May I daily grow in grace,
And pursue the heavenly race;
Trained by wisdom, led by love,
Till I reach my rest above.

The eye and the heart should be kept steadily fixed on Jesus every moment: no running the race with patience without this.

December 16.—EVENING.

WE trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.—1 Tim. iv. 10.

Faith finds each promise sure;
Hope looks within the veil;
Love bears the discipline divine,
And cleaves to Jesus still.

The living God is the universal preserver,
in him we must trust, and in him alone.

December 17.—MORNING.

LORD, I believe, help thou mine unbelief.—
Mark ix. 24.

O may I with a steady faith
Believe whate'er Jehovah saith;
Then shall I glorify him more,
And his unbounded love adore.

Faith is God's gift, and from him we should
seek it by earnest fervent prayer: he giveth
more of this grace: then let us seek and
expect it.

December 17.—EVENING.

TRULY my soul waiteth upon God; from
him cometh my salvation.—Ps. lxi. 1.

I wait the visits of thy grace,
My Saviour and my God;
O come and show thy smiling face,
And wash me in thy blood.

Upon whom should we wait but upon our
deliverer? in whom should we trust but in
him who alone can save?

December 18. — MORNING.

HE which hath begun a good work in you
will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.
—Phil. i. 6.

The work which his goodness began,
The arm of his strength will complete;
His promise is yea and amen,
And never was forfeited yet.

The Lord knew us perfectly before he began
his good work in us, nothing can arise now
to change his mind.

December 18. — EVENING.

WHATSOEVER ye shall ask in my name, that
will I do, that the Father may be glorified
in the Son.—John xiv. 13.

Then let his name for ever be
To us supremely dear;
Our only all-prevailing plea,
For all our hope is there.

Jesus authorizes us to take his name, and
make use of it before the Father, and
assures us of success in so doing.

December 19:—MORNING.

If the Son therefore shall make you free,
ye shall be free indeed.—John viii. 36.

Oh from this world's vile slavery,
Almighty Saviour, set me free;
And, as my treasure is above,
Be there my thoughts, be there my love.

If Jesus is our deliverer, he will set us free
from the bondage of sin, the slavery of
Satan, and the tyranny of the present evil
world.

December 19.—EVENING.

BLESSED are they that mourn: for they
shall be comforted.—Matt. v. 4.

They're bless'd on earth, for 'tis by grace
They see and know their mournful case;
Bless'd mourners! they shall shortly rise
To endless comfort in the skies.

If we are mourning over sin, and after the
Saviour, we are under the blessing, and
comfort is sure.

December 20.—MORNING.

GIVE me understanding, and I shall keep
thy law.—Ps. cxix. 34.

Oh may thy word my thoughts engage
In each perplexing case!
Help me to feed on every page,
And grow in every grace.

We do not really understand God's word,
if we do not obey it: if we know it we
shall be sanctified by it.

December 20.—EVENING.

BEHOLD, my witness is in heaven, and my
record is on high.—Job xvi. 19.

My soul, arise! shake off thy fears,
And wipe thy sorrows dry;
Jesus in heaven thy witness bears,
Thy record is on high.

There is one who witnesses every transac-
tion, and records every event: if we are
slandered now, he will clear our characters
by and by.

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December 21.—MORNING.

WE have such an high priest, who is set
on the right hand of the throne of the
Majesty in the heavens.—Heb. viii. 1.

Touch'd with a feeling of our woes,
Jesus, our High Priest, stands;
All our infirmities he knows,
Our souls are in his hands.

Our High Priest is officiating for us at this
moment, in the holiest of all; let us there-
fore draw nigh to God with boldness.

December 21.—EVENING.

LOOKING for the mercy of our Lord Jesus
Christ unto eternal life.—Jude 21.

Thy mercy, O my gracious Lord!
Can all my guilt and fears remove,
In life and death can help afford,
And fit me for the realms above.

Our first appeal was to mercy, our present
hope is in mercy, and our final expectation
will be from mercy.

December 22.—MORNING.

WHOSO putteth his trust in the Lord shall
be safe.—Prov. xxix. 25.

Did we but trust our heavenly Friend,
And on his faithful word depend,
Then should we fearless view the grave,
And death itself no sting would have.

Jehovah is the only legitimate object of
trust, and they that trust in him shall be
as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed.

December 22.—EVENING.

THE Lamb slain from the foundation of the
world.—Rev. xiii. 8.

The Lord in the day of his anger did lay
Our sins on the Lamb, and he bore them away :
He died to atone for sins not his own ;
The Father has punish'd for us his dear Son.

Jesus is the Lamb appointed as the sacri-
fice for our sins ; set apart in the purpose
of God before time, and offered up in the
fulness of time.

December 23.—MORNING.

If need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations.—1 Pet. i. 6.

In every changing scene of life,
Whate'er that scene may be,
Give me a meek and humble mind—
A mind at peace with thee.

However numerous our trials, they are necessary; they are always called for by our circumstances before sent.

December 23.—EVENING.

Thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.—Ps. xxi. 7.

Still on his plighted love

At all events rely:

The very hidings of his face

Shall train thee up for joy.

When the Lord smiles, the believer rejoices; when he frowns, his soul is sorrowful: but then is the time to trust his changeless word.

December 24.—MORNING.

THE Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.—Ps. c. 5.

Wide as the world is thy command,
Vast as eternity thy love;
Firm as a rock thy truth shall stand,
When rolling worlds shall cease to move.

Let us believe in his goodness, trust in his mercy, and expect the fulfilment of his truth.

December 24.—EVENING.

I HAVE longed for thy salvation, O Lord.—
Ps. cxix. 174.

View, dearest Lord, my longing heart,
Which pants and sighs for thee!
And O, thyself and heaven impart,
For there I long to be.

The believer daily longs for complete deliverance from sin, and the possession of perfect holiness: this to him is salvation.

December 25.—MORNING.

THE Word was made flesh, and dwelt
among us.—John i. 14.

See the Redeemer clothed in flesh,
And ask the reason *why* ?
The answer fills my soul afresh,
To suffer, bleed, and die.

The greatest mystery in the Bible is this,
that Jehovah, who is God over all, should
become an infant of days; and that he
should do this to save sinners, the chief of
sinners. ✓

December 25.—EVENING.

UNTO us a child is born, unto us a son is
given.—Isa. ix. 6.

My God, my Creator, the heavens did bow
To ransom offenders, and stoop'd very low ;
The body prepared by his Father assumes,
And on the kind errand most joyfully comes.

Never was there such a birth before: a
holy child from a polluted mother; an in-
fant of days, yet the everlasting Father. ✓

December 26.—MORNING.

WHO shall separate us from the love of Christ.—Rom. viii. 35.

We clasp our hands exulting
In thine almighty favour,
The love divine that made us thine
Shall keep us thine for ever.

The union between Jesus and his people
can never be dissolved; his love which
formed it is changeless and eternal.

December 26.—EVENING.

BEWARE lest thou forget the Lord.—Deut. vi. 12.

My sinful nature proves indeed,
That I this caution daily need;
O may it in my heart be stored;
Beware lest thou forget the Lord.

The Lord who gave the caution, afterwards
complained, "My people have forgotten
me:" let us treasure it up and be admonished by it.

December 27.—MORNING.

CHRIST being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.—Rom. vi. 9.

He rises who mankind has lost;

With grief and pain extreme;

'Twas great to speak a world from nought,

'Twas greater to redeem.

The resurrection of Jesus secures ours; it is both the pledge and the pattern; and as he is now superior to death, so shall we be soon.

December 27.—EVENING.

I WILL give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.—Rev. xxi. 6.

Come, then, with all your wants and wounds,

Your every burden bring;

Here love, eternal love, abounds,

A deep celestial spring.

All gospel blessings are given freely; being needful as water, they are as plentifully provided, and as freely bestowed. LLL

December 28.—MORNING.

BEING fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.—Rom. iv. 21.

The promises surpass my thought,
But faithful is my Lord;
In unbelief I stagger not,
For God hath spoke the word.

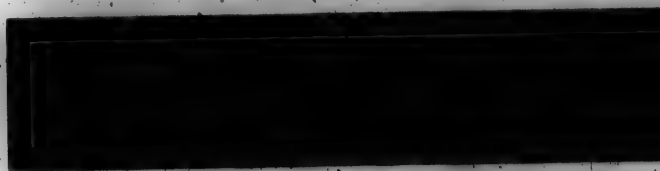
The Lord never made a promise which he did not intend to perform, nor did he ever disappoint the soul which trusted in him.

December 28.—EVENING.

JESUS Christ is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead.—Rev. i. 5.

He promised a crown when he left us a cross,
A kingdom we gain, the reward of our loss;
To glory he leads, and to him let us cleave,
The faithful true Witness will never deceive.

Let us receive what Jesus spoke as the word of a witness upon oath, and trust it with implicit confidence.







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December 29.—MORNING.

THE love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.—Rom. v. 5.

Author of my new creation,
Let me now thine influence prove;
Make my soul thy habitation;
Shed abroad the Saviour's love.

Nothing will draw out our love to God but a sense of his love to us; our love is the effect of his.

December 29.—EVENING.

GOD is able to make all grace abound toward you.—2 Cor. ix. 8.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
Grace to pardon all my sin,
Let the healing streams abound:
Make and keep me pure within.

Whatever we need is comprised in the word GRACE, and whatever grace we need is provided in Jesus; and what he has he will bestow.

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December 30.—MORNING.

I CAN do all things through Christ which
strengtheneth me.—Phil. iv. 13.

Oh Lord! thy strength in me renew,
Keep me from every fall;
Nothing without thee can I do,
By thee I can do all.

The strength of the whole Church is in
Christ; by faith we receive it from him,
and having done so, should employ it for
him.

December 30.—EVENING.

HIM that overcometh will I make a pillar
in the temple of my God, and he shall go
no more out.—Rev. iii. 12.

A few successful struggles yet,
Then not a conflict more;
Satan and sin shall ne'er assault
On the celestial shore.

The conflict will only cease with life, we
must die with our armour on, and only put
it off to receive the crown.

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December 31.—MORNING.

THE Lord shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.—Ps. cxlvi. 10.

He loves his saints, he knows them well,
But turns the wicked down to hell;
Thy God, O Zion, ever reigns;
Praise him in everlasting strains.

Seasons change, creatures vary, time flies,
but the Lord keeps the throne, and remains
immutably the same.

December 31.—EVENING.

THAT ye may stand perfect and complete
in all the will of God.—Col. iv. 12.

Grace will complete what grace begins,
To save from sorrows and from sins:
The work that wisdom undertakes,
Eternal mercy ne'er forsakes.

Every Christian should set his heart upon
completeness, and labour fervently that he
may stand complete in all the will of God.

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